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RADIO RENTALS TO SPONSOR ASPA AWARD

RADIO RENTALS have replaced Josiah Wedgwood as sponsors of the New South Wales "player of the year" award, organised by the Australian Soccer Press Association (ASPA).

ASPA's Sydney presentation night will be at the Journalists Club in Chalmers Street on Friday week, October 21.

The new "Radio Rentals Award" for the top player in the State will be a colour television receiver.

Votes from ASPA members are now coming in but strict secrecy will be observed until the big night.

Last year's NSW player of the year, on the votes of ASPA members, was Joe Watson (pictured above) of Sydney City.

On his 1983 form, Watson must have an excellent chance of winning the "Radio Rentals Award."

But he will be challenged by consistent performers like Phil O'Connor, David Ratcliffe, Dez Marton, Gary Meier, Peter Tredinnick, John Bradley, Tom McCulloch, Alex Robertson and many more.

Whoever wins will be following in illustrious footsteps. Previous winners were - 1976 Doug Utjesenovic, 1977 Jimmy Rooney, 1978 Peter Stone, 1979 Ivo Prskalo, 1980 Peter Sharne, 1981 Ian Souness and 1982 Joe Watson.

That's two from St George, Sydney City and Marconi and one from Leichhardt.

Olympic is the only Sydney NSL club which has not produced an ASPA winner.

Peter Katholos went very close last year.

ASPA urged members to send to secretary Alex Vesic their voting forms and applications for dinner tickets without delay.

To celebrate the new partnership with Radio Rentals, it is hoped to make the Presentation Night on October 21, the best of all ASPA functions in NSW.

DAVID JACK



**Medal winner interview,
Round-up and Scoreboard
on Pages 9,10 and 11**

SAINTS HAVE WON IT!

BARRING a sudden and totally unexpected slump in form, Frank Arok's St George have the 1983 National Soccer League title safely in their grasp.

Their smash-hit 2 - 1 win at the International Sports Centre on Sunday should prove just about the most important result of this keenly-contested season.

Compared to that monster assignment, Saints' remaining matches this year look a cake-walk!

Their last two NSL games are both at home. Next weekend, they play Marconi, certainly not the strongest side in the competition. And a week later, in their final match, Saints are again at the well-appointed St George Stadium where Brisbane City provide the opposition.

Last Sunday, the Brisbane side flopped 2 - 0 on their own ground to one of the poorest teams in the NSL... Wollongong Wolves. On that form, not even the most fanatic of

Brisbane City's followers would risk putting money on them to beat Saints in Sydney.

So, if the form book means anything, St George ought to gather six points in the next fortnight, taking them to a total of 57 for the competition.

I cannot see any of their challengers hitting the 57 points target.

Sydney City Slickers will give the title a good shake — they always do — but the task this time could be beyond them.

Slickers have to travel for their last two matches — against Newcastle KB United and Canberra Arrows.

Arrows are pretty blunt and should give Slickers a handy three points, but the trip to Newcastle cannot fill coach Eddie Thomson with a great wave of

the dreadful Lambert Park pitch where they meet a Leichhardt side still smarting from a home defeat by Heidelberg. South Melbourne's final game is also away from home, but the toothless Brisbane Lions are hardly likely to take even one point from Len McKendry's men.

Im tipping South Melbourne to finish with 54 points, a total which should mean third position on the table.

And how about Preston? They could pick up the maximum six points from an away game against Sydney Olympic and a home meeting with colourless West Adelaide.

But even if this does happen, Preston will still fall short of the magical title-winning target.

Peter Ollerton's side should have had the NSL all wrapped up and safely in their keeping by now.

When the debits and credits are totted up, it will surely be seen that

**says
David
Jack**

Preston tossed away the championship during the past few weeks when, for the only period in a wonderful season, they hit an incredible slump, surrendering 12 points in four disastrous losses in succession.

No team with title ambitions can afford to be so generous to the opposition.

That's it, then. The NSL will finish with Saints top, followed by Slickers, Souths and Preston. And if I'm wrong, I have no doubt ASW readers will gladly tell me I should never stick my neck out as a tipster!



AROK

optimism.

Nobody likes playing in Newcastle. So Slickers will do well to get four points from their remaining fixtures. Total for the season? Just 55, two fewer than St George.

South Melbourne and Preston are the other two teams still in the title race but I'm not tipping either.

South could find the going tough next Sunday on

EDITORIAL

THE Rothmans Medal for "best and fairest" player in New South Wales was presented to Agenor Muniz at Sydney's Hilton Hotel last week by State Minister for Sport Michael Cleary.

As usual, it was a very big night and a good time was had by all.

Yet there was something missing.

The best players in NSW were not there! The Medal is restricted to players in the State League.

This restriction inevitably downgrades the Rothmans Soccer Medal when compared to similar awards in other footballing codes, Rugby League and Rugby Union.

It is understandable that the NSW State Federation jealously guards its hold on the Rothmans award.

At the same time, with the forthcoming extension of the National League, the time has come for the Federation and Rothmans to get their heads together to devise a better system in future years.

They should throw it open to players in the NSL as well as the State League.

When the Rothmans Medal presentation was inaugurated in 1970 — George Blues was the winner — it went to the best and fairest player. (In the opinion of referees.)

Soccer, Rugby League and Rugby Union all followed the same criterion.

These days, League and Union continue to honour their top player. Soccer, alas, does not. Even Agenor Muniz, despite his delight last week, would willingly agree.

It costs Rothmans a lot of money to stage its Soccer Medal night — probably around \$18,000.

And the tobacco company, though reluctant to interfere with State Federation control of the function, must surely wonder if it gets full value for money.

The best and fairest player in NSW must be presented with the Medal.

Let us hope this happens in 1984.



Staying on the topic of the Rothmans Medal, how many people realise that this coveted award has been won only once in 14 years by an Australian-born player?

While accepting that Australia is a migrant country and, because of that, there is always a steady flow of overseas Soccer players arriving here, is it not sad that the locals find it almost impossible to win the medal?

Thirteen winners born in foreign countries out of a total of 14... that's a depressing statistic.

These days, of course, there are more restrictions on the import of players — and that's good.

Also, experience in 1981 and 1983 World Youth Championships has accelerated the development of many young Aussies.

We look forward to seeing some of these youngsters on the winner's rostrum in future years.

By the way, if you didn't know, the only Australian-born Rothmans Medal winner was Terry Butler in 1978.

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE

BY PETER RUSSELL

THE SYDNEY CITY SLICKERS marched into the Grand Final of the National Youth League play offs with a 3-1 victory in extra time over a dour Newcastle side at the St George Stadium on Saturday.

Despite trailing 1-0 at half time, they equalised mid way through the second half forcing the game into extra time, when they really took charge and scored two more goals. Newcastle will now meet The Australian Institute of Sport (A.I.S.) in the Final at The International Sports Centre on Sunday after they defeated St George at the Bruce Stadium on Sunday with the aid of two late penalties.

SYDNEY CITY 3 Vs NEWCASTLE 1

IN A DOUR and generally unattractive match at the St George Stadium on Saturday the Slickers faced a resolute Newcastle side who gave no quarter in their endeavour to leap frog into the National Youth League Grand Final. However very few scoring chances were created by either side in the first ninety minutes with both defences dominant.

Newcastle opened brightly, forcing two corners in the first two minutes but their striker's headers were just off target. At the other end Ian Bruce went close on two occasions.

Mike Boogard opened the scoring for Newcastle in the 44th minute when he ran in to head home a Bernard Kirby free kick, with keeper Todd Clarke glued to his line.

The Slickers equaliser didn't arrive until the 70th minute when

Graeme Fletcher stabbed the ball home after he cleverly turned inside the box to beat three players.

Alex Bottalico got the winner for the Slickers in the 18th minute of extra time when he hammered home an Ian Bruce cross from 10 metres.

Graeme Fletcher was the architect of the final goal for the Slickers when he neatly lobbed the ball from the goal line at the near post for Jean Paul De Marigny to nod home at the far post.

Mike Boogard, Simon Brandt and Paul Gillogly all performed well for Newcastle whilst for the Slickers, Robert Hooker, Graeme Fletcher and Graeme Paterson all stood out.

A.I.S 3 Vs ST GEORGE 1

At the Bruce Stadium on Sunday The Australian Institute of Sport (A.I.S.) deserved their win against St George, despite having to rely on two late second half penalties to decide the game for them.

Play swung from end to end in the opening twenty five minutes before the A.I.S. started to take control of the game playing methodical soccer. Saints, on the other hand, appeared to be playing the offside game and relying on the breaks with John Muskovits working hard on his own up front, whilst Ray Junna and Warren Spink were playing havoc with their offside tactics using cleverly

lobbed balls over the defence.

Saints opened the scoring in the 44th minute when Tony Franken made a good save from a Pedro Ricoy screamer, but failed to hold the ball and saw John Muskovits lash the rebound into the net.

A.I.S. equalised in the 66th minute when Warren Spink latched on to a long through ball and fired in a chipped shot over Mike Frazer's head from the edge of the box.

The Saints tale of woe continued when in the 75th minute a Peter Kotanamides headed goal was disallowed for offside.

Then in the 79th mi-

nute A.I.S. were awarded a penalty when Mark Boyd was pulled down inside the box. To neutral observers it appeared to be a harsh decision, but John Mihailides made no mistake from the spot.

In the 89th minute, to the surprise of both coaches, the referee sent off Nicky Pappas of the Saints for an apparent infringement behind play and awarded another penalty to the Institute, which John Mihailides again converted.

Outstanding for A.I.S. were Ray Junna and Warren Spink while for the Saints, Mike Fraser, John Muskovits and Pedro Ricoy were impressive.

NEXT WEEK

FINAL

16.10.83 Sun. Newcastle v A.I.S. 12.30pm International Sports Centre.

NSW REVOLT - ALMOST!

BY MIKE MYSTAKIDIS

A REVOLT was only narrowly avoided in the NSW State Soccer Federation last week after the executive voted for the new 24-team NSL against a majority decision of the State League clubs.

Despite a meeting of all NSW Soccer Federation bodies in August that directed the executive to vote against the revised and expanded NSL, they came out for the proposal at the deciding meeting of the Australian Soccer Federation in September.

The rebels, who numbered the bulk of the State League sides, considered the move an act of treachery and directed their anger firmly at the President of the Federation, Karel Rodny.

After some behind the scenes manoeuvring, they

started the wheels in motion towards an extraordinary meeting to unseat Rodny.

Only the fact that general meeting of the State Federation is in November quelled the rebellion with its instigators deciding to hold off until then for the good of the game.

I believe this serious threat to Rodny's power, that has spanned almost 12 years in the Federation, was one of the major reasons behind his decision not to stand again for the presidency last week.

NATIONAL LEAGUE RESULTS

LEICHHARDT 2 (Morsello, Sharne) HEIDELBERG 3, (Yankos, Valentine, Cole). At Lambert Park. Crowd: 2,320.

PRESTON 2 (McMillan, Lucchesi), FOOTSCRAY 1, (O'Donnell). At Conner Reserve. Crowd: 3,500.

WEST ADELAIDE 1 (Brown), SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0. At Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 982.

STH MELBOURNE 2 (Brown, Wooddin) MARCONI 1 (Henderson). At Middle Park. Crowd: 6,000.

SYDNEY CITY 3 (Kosmina, Boden, Gomez) BRISBANE LIONS 0. At St. George Stadium. Crowd: 1,012.

BRISBANE CITY 0, WOLLONGONG 2 (Dunleavy, O'Connor). At Spencer Park. Crowd: 800.

NEWCASTLE 1 (Lowe), ST. GEORGE 2 (Slater, Wilkinson). At International Sports Centre. Crowd: 3,758.

CANBERRA CITY 2 (Farina, Gibson), ADELAIDE CITY 1 (Blair). At Bruce Stadium. Crowd: 1,023.

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE TABLE

TEAMS	AGGREGATE						HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	FA	PI	W	D	L	FA	PI	W	D	L	FA	PI		
1. SYDNEY CITY	28	14	9	5	43-27	51	11	4	0	28-5	37	3	5	5	15-22	14		
2. SAINT GEORGE.....	28	14	9	5	41-25	51	7	5	1	19-9	26	7	4	4	22-16	25		
3. STH MELBOURNE.....	28	15	5	8	42-34	50	8	3	4	22-18	27	7	2	4	20-16	23		
4. PRESTON.....	28	14	7	7	44-31	49	10	2	2	29-13	32	4	5	5	15-18	17		
5. NEWCASTLE.....	28	13	7	8	43-24	46	6	4	4	19-9	22	7	3	4	24-15	24		
6. SYD. OLYMPIC.....	28	11	5	12	36-32	38	5	3	6	20-18	18	6	2	6	16-14	20		
7. LEICHHARDT.....	28	11	4	13	42-35	37	9	2	3	28-12	29	2	2	10	14-23	8		
8. MARCONI.....	28	9	10	9	40-36	37	6	5	3	24-18	23	3	5	6	16-18	14		
9. HEIDELBERG.....	28	9	10	9	33-36	37	7	2	4	19-13	23	2	8	5	13-24	14		
10. CANBERRA CITY.....	28	10	5	13	42-46	35	8	3	3	27-14	27	2	2	10	15-32	8		
11. FOOTSCRAY.....	28	9	8	11	24-38	35	6	4	4	16-19	22	3	4	7	8-19	13		
12. ADELAIDE CITY.....	29	9	6	14	34-38	33	6	3	5	18-16	21	3	3	9	18-22	12		
13. BRISBANE CITY.....	28	8	9	11	31-43	33	4	5	5	19-22	17	4	4	6	12-21	16		
14. WEST ADELAIDE.....	28	6	12	10	22-33	30	5	6	4	16-17	21	1	6	6	6-16	9		
15. WOLLONGONG.....	29	4	14	11	40-54	26	1	10	3	16-17	13	3	4	8	22-35	13		
16. BRISBANE LIONS.....	28	6	6	16	33-58	24	6	2	6	24-23	20	0	4	10	9-36	4		

NSL TOP SCORERS

D. Brown (SM)	14
M. Soper (SO)	13
J. Kosmina (SC)	13
P. O'Connor (W)	13
J. Bradley (L)	12
J. Paton (F)	11
J. Mullen (AC)	10
C. Egan (SM)	10
R. Cotton (W)	10
C. Lucchesi (P)	10
D. Wright (BL)	9
D. Lea (H)	9
G. Ward (P)	9
D. Lowe (N)	9
D. Marton (SG)	9
S. Bryant (C)	8
B. Mountford (N)	8
R. Brown (M)	8
B. Hamilton (B.C.)	8
R. Slater (SG)	8
J. Campbell (H)	7
G. Gomez (S.C.)	7
C. Daunt (BL)	6
I. Gibson (C)	6
P. Katholios (S.O.)	6
M. Barton (SG)	6
M. Jankovic (M)	6
F. Farina (C)	6
G. Cole (H)	6
G. McMillan (P)	6
T. Morsello (L)	6
P. Wilkinson (SG)	6

(The above goalscoring list applies only to NSL matches and does not include Cup games.)



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ACID TEST ON SAINTS

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

IF St George is going to win its first ever NSL Championship, it will have to survive an acid test next Sunday against Doug Collins' in-form Marconi.

This season, Marconi have been the bogey team for Saints as they knocked them off in the NSW Ampol Cup Final, winning it on penalties.

As well, Marconi inflicted the heaviest defeat Saints have suffered this season in the League when they beat Frank Arok's men, 4-0 in the first round.

Last night, Saints' manager-coach, Frank Arok, told us: "If we don't win this one on Sunday, we can forget about the 1983 Championship. We will be out of the race."

"I really have admired Doug Collins' work this year with Marconi, especially with the young players. He has them playing at the moment the best football in Australia."

Meanwhile, Collins will be pleased to have centre-back, Steve Calderan and striker, Rod Brown, available for selection. Both missed last Sunday's match against South Melbourne through injuries.

Collins told us: "We are playing fast good football right now and everybody shuts-down off the ball very quickly. I'm very pleased with all the lads."

"Yes we are confident for the St George match as we have had the wood on them this year," Collins added.

On show will be two of

Australia's most exciting flank-strikers, St George's Robbie Slater and Marconi's Rene Licata.

Both youngsters have

the ability, skills, determination and pace to rip to shreds any defence in Australia.

The referee will be Peter Rampley.



Rene Licata

PLAYERS PURGED!

THE last of the players signed by former West Adelaide coach Alan Vest has vanished from the team.

Defender Bill Amey has been dropped for the rest of the season, and midfielder Mickey Brennan has agreed to stand aside — but remain in training to cover for injuries.

West officials want new coach Peter Kouliouzos, Vest's assistant, to try out

BY TOM MCKAIN

home-bred youngsters before the start of the Ampol Cup 1984 series.

Earlier, striker Paul Wormley was told by the club he was no longer required.

At the beginning of the season, striker Wally Bojczuk was returned to Azzurri in a deal which saw striker George Konstandopoulos join West; and midfielder Stewart Blair went to Adelaide City and Chris Manou moved from City to West.

The only survivor from the outside signings by Vest is goalkeeper Gary Sproul, signed on loan from Croatia after Martin Crook was injured.

He, too, could depart if Crook decides he wants to stay with West.

Team manager Frank Karaginas said there was no way the club would keep two goalkeepers.

"For starters, it is unfair to the one left out when he knows he could walk into any team in the NSL," he said.

"We have not decided what to do, but if Sproul remains, then Crook will go. If Crook stays, Sproul will return to Croatia."

"We will blood a youngster as back-up."

And while West is on the lookout for a star striker — Phil O'Connor is the man they want

from the NSL arena — they are also odds on to sign Steve Papadopoulos.

The 19-year old front runner has starred for Polonia in the SA Rothmans League First Division and has only a \$1,500 transfer fee written into his contract which expires this year.

"We would like to get something really special from overseas," said Karaginas.

"We're looking for someone who can pull in the crowds as well as help win matches."

"It is essential we get someone who plays exciting Soccer."

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ROUND UP

TWO QUICK GOALS

SAYS MYLES HAY

GOALS BY Robbie Slater and Paul Wilkinson in a devastating two minute spell ended any hopes Newcastle KB United may have had of the NSL title.

St. George displayed a great deal of character coming back from a remarkable goal from young KB striker David Lowe in the 51st minute to throw a successful challenge against the Newcastle defence.

Unfortunately, the expected fireworks for this crucial clash failed to materialise and for long periods it appeared a case of two teams who did not want to lose rather than becoming adventurous in their play.

The opening half which was scoreless saw some rugged exchanges during which Dez Marton was booked by referee Doug Rennie while some other players escaped with a finger wagging warning.

Twice in the opening five minutes Newcastle midfielder Joe Senkalski looked dangerous but he blasted in two long range shots which flew harmlessly wide.

Senkalski, like several of his team-mates, faded badly in the second half showing little fight to recover from the shock two goal onslaught by St George.

Defensively, Newcastle was quite sound with Howard Tredinnick having an outstanding game but Lowe received scant support and his fellow striker Bob Mountford was completely out of touch.

To add to Mountford's day of misery, he missed a

golden opportunity of equalising late in the game after a magnificent run by Lowe.

Lowe scored for Newcastle six minutes into the second half after Senkalski had hammered a fierce left foot shot against the crossbar and the alert striker was on hand to net a fine reflex goal.

Several missed clearances allowed Saints Robbie Slater in to equalise in the 58th minute and this was followed by a 20 metre drive from Paul Wilkinson which goalkeeper Clint Gosling allowed to slip in at the post.

The fine backing up work by St George skipper Peter Stone and tough little full-back David Skeen played a vital part in keeping their side ahead to the end.

NEWCASTLE: Gosling, Maier, Bourke, Watson, Tredinnick, Mason, Senkalski, Lee, Jones (Cowburn 77), Mountford, Lowe.

ST GEORGE: Greedy, Skeen, R. O'Shea, Ratcliffe, M. O'Shea, Barton, Stone, J. O'Shea, Slater, Wilkinson, Marton (Petkovski 89).

REFEREE: Doug Rennie.

CROWD: About 3,700.



ROUND UP



Action from Sunday's Lions and Wollongong match.

BRISBANE CITY LOSE TO GONG

BY MARK BRIGDEN

CELLAR-DWELLERS Wollongong stretched their unbeaten run to five games to downing Brisbane City 2-0 at Spencer Park.

It may have been a lacklustre game but the Wolves took full points and leapfrogged City's neighbours, Brisbane Lions, at the bottom of the table.

The first goal came in the ninth minute when a Phil O'Connor corner found Chris Dunleavy unmarked to head in the ball.

Four minutes later a backpass from Brisbane's Peter Tokesi was intercepted by O'Connor.

The industrious winger's first shot was parried by the Brisbane keeper, Kim Wishart, but O'Connor snapped on the rebound and put the ball into the empty net.

After conceding two goals in the first 13 minutes to a team propping up the National League table, Brisbane City were stunned and disorganised.

Indeed, Wollongong should have gone further ahead in the 25th minute when an O'Connor cross was flicked on. Both Jeff

Ainsworth and Ray Cotton lunged at the ball but were unable to get the touch to put it into the unguarded net.

City's best chance to get back into the game came in the 34th minute after a jinking run by striker, Joe Cairney.

His good cross saw Angelo Falco head the ball goalwards but despite diving very late, goalkeeper, Jim Preston, saved on the goal line.

One minute before half-time, Wolves had another good opportunity to score when O'Connor had an empty goal to aim at, but the ball was scrambled away after desperate defence.

Brisbane City coach Jim Hermiston tried to put more mobility into his team by replacing centre-

back Peter Tokesi with the hard-working Allan Hughes at half-time.

However, Brisbane were unable to produce the necessary penetration and only Joe Cairney troubled the Wolves defence.

It was his cross in the 75th minute that provided young Gary Bromfield with a chance but his volley went over the bar, much to the relief of the visiting defence which was stranded.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart, J Kowtan, W Wilkinson, P Tokesi, S Perry, F Liddell, G Bromfield, L Fabrizio, A Chapman, J Cairney, A Falco, (A Hughes).

WOLLONGONG: Preston, P Willis, P Kerr, C Dunleavy, R Vliestra, J Ainsworth, J Dummett, P Muhlbauer, R Cotton, L Gaffney, P O'Connor, (D Green).

REFEREE: D Nugent.

CROWD: 800.



Jim Preston (Wollongong) fists clear from an advancing Lions raider.

TOP SOCCER FOR A BIG CROWD

BY CON NIKOLOPOULOS

SOUTH MELBOURNE remained in the championship race, only one point behind the leaders, after beating Marconi 2-1 at Middle Park.

The action-packed encounter kept the 6,000 spectators on their toes for its entire duration. It had all the ingredients of a grand final.

Both teams opened at frantic pace and after testing one another, South Melbourne were the first team to push forward and keep their opponents under siege for almost 45 minutes.

South Melbourne's

over-eager forwards created numerous opportunities to lift the score to astronomic levels, but failed to capitalise... allowing Marconi to keep the scoreline at 0-0 into the break.

Doug Brown increased his goal tally to 14 goals, breaking the deadlock in the 64th minute, with a ground shot that sent the crowd roaring.

Brown received a perfect through ball from Charlie Egan after a quick exchange with Oscar Crino, and the deadly striker hammered it into the net wide of James.

South's euphoria was very short-lived, because the visitors grabbed the equaliser a minute later with the man of the

match former Socceroo Tony Henderson.

Henderson rose majestically in Laumets' area to head in the net a corner from Ian Hunter.

Only two minutes later, South Melbourne regained the lead, this time through Steve Wooddin, who slotted the ball in the net in the 69th minute after James had failed to control a header by John Yzendoorn.

In brilliant form South Melbourne goalkeeper Peter Laumets denied Marconi on two occasions with his excellent saves on the line.

Marconi coach Doug Collins commented after the game: "My team is in great need of two players."

"This has been the case

throughout the season. We fight for 90 minutes but we cannot capitalise on the opportunities we create. This is a youthful side with a lot of potential and I'm certain if assisted by two experienced players they will play a leading role in the new regional competition," Collins said.

Len McKendry also had a complaint after the game.

"Once again our players lost momentum under pressure. We did everything on the park but it took us 60 minutes to score. Even then we were punished with the equaliser for our momentary lapse of concentration."

"As I have indicated, my players have to learn to perform under pressure or we'll be making hard work of beating sides of lower standard," McKendry said.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets, Russell, Blair, Davidson, Halford, Murphy, Crino, Wooddin, Brown, Yzendoorn, Egan.

MARCONI: James, Bozanic, Djordjevic, McCulloch, Henderson, Budini, Carbone (Licata 80), Serramanni, Jankovics, Winn, Hunter.

REFEREE: C. Bambridge.

CROWD: 6,000

GIBSON GETS VITAL WINNER FROM SPOT

JUST 14 minutes from full-time Canberra's Ian Gibson slammed a penalty into the net to break the deadlock and give Canberra a 2-1 home victory against Adelaide City.

It was a win Canberra deserved yet it was a never a game that reached great heights.

Neither set of forwards could shake their defensive markers to create genuine goalscoring chances.

For Canberra, the win was more than just three points. It was their eighth home victory in the one season — Arrows' best home achievement in the history of the National League.

Looking at the full 90 minutes, Canberra were the more purposeful aggressive and positive as Adelaide failed to dominate the midfield while

their forwards were generally well contained.

Certainly Canberra could — and should — have been one goal ahead in the game when the sheer speed of young striker Frank Farina saw him burst into the clear but in a one-on-one situation, Farina shot straight into the hands of Adelaide City's goalkeeper Willie McNally.

It took until the 25th minute to rekindle the crowd's enthusiasm when again Farina burst through the defence, and beat McNally only to have Glen Dods clear what would have been a certain goal.

Just 60 seconds later, Farina finally scored in superb fashion.

It was a memorable goal as Farina dived full length to head inches from the ground a deftly flighted centre from Ian Gibson into the corner of the net.

Such was the speed at which the ball travelled 15 metres, McNally never moved.

After the change around, Adelaide City scored with their first attack when midfielder Stewart Blair was found unmarked with a cross to send in a shot from the edge of the penalty area that struck the crossbar before bouncing over the goaline.

Understandably, Adelaide found new heart and new aggression but their flurry was short-lived and oncemore the

tide ebbed into listless motion.

Canberra never looked like grabbing the vital match-winner but finally it came when Ian Gibson, in the absence of injured Steve Bryant, scored with a penalty kick.

The win was a vital one because it saw Canberra jump three places on the ladder.

CANBERRA: Hummel, Young, Byrne, Murray, Ambrosino, Christopoulos, Gibson, Stone, Brennan (Redmond 30), Farina, McLaren.

ADELAIDE CITY: McNally, Dods, Nyskohus, Flounders, Shillbear, Carter, Blair, Melta, Rankin, Maxwell, Mullins.

REFEREE: Glen Davies.

CROWD: 1,023.

ROUND UP

THRASHING FOR LIONS

BY MIKE MYSTAKIDIS

SYDNEY CITY swept to victory with a 3-0 thrashing of Brisbane Lions at St George Stadium.

The home team collected the three points, but missed a dozen easy chances which would have meant a higher goal tally.

The Slickers needed a large score just in case the title is decided on goal differences.

Lions did enough in the first half to suggest they would explode in time. Their positive man-to-man marking started to slowly wilt.

Sydney City took the initiative to score but not before they had their share of goalmouth anxiety. A well-driven shot from Lions striker Steven Hogg was cleared off the line.

After 20 minutes, Soccer John Kosmina set the path for the Slickers victory.

A free-kick from Joe Watson saw Kosmina out-jump his tight marker Alan Hunter to head home.

Sydney City goalkeeper Tony Pezzano had a quiet

first half largely due to the solid defensive work from Alex Robertson, Steve O'Connor, Kevin Mullen and Jimmy Cant.

In the 32nd minute, Jim Stewart was unlucky to score for the visitors when his header just missed the angle of the cross-bar and post.

In the second half Slickers coach Eddie Thomson made a change bringing on Nelio Borges.

This forced Gerry Gomez back into defence and Borges into a mid-field position.

The home team took full control throughout the second half. Paul Kay worked tirelessly controlling the midfield.

Sydney City were well organised in every department. The 1982 champions were motivated from the start to the finish and controlled the game to perfection.

Mounting a barrage of pressure the Slickers clinched the points by adding a further two goals.

Ken Boden scored in the 55th minute and Gerry Gomez sealed the victory with five minutes remaining.

Had it not been for outstanding goalkeeper from Lions Brett Beves, the scoreline would have reached double figures.

SYDNEY CITY: Pezzano, Mullen, O'Connor (Borges 46), Robertson, Cant, Gomez, Kay, Watson, Boden, Kosmina, Murray.

BRISBANE LIONS: Beves, Vasquez, McSkimming, Hunter, Niven, J. Stewart, Hogg, D. Wright, Anderson, Daunt, Vincent.

REFEREE: B. Wilkinson.
CROWD: 1,012.



Leichhardt's Berti Mariani has things under control despite a challenge from Patterson of Heidelberg.

LEICHHARDT DEFENCE SHOCKING!

BY TOM ANDERSON.

DEFENCE was certainly not a word in Leichhardt's playing manual when it slumped 3 - 2 to Heidelberg at Lambert Park.

If it was, the Leichhardt defenders had forgotten to read up on the basic fundamentals of simple Soccer defence.

This Leichhardt defence was shocking and it handed the game to Heidelberg on a plate.

BY saying that, I want to take nothing away from the Victorians who were a workmanlike, if not polished, unit.

But this was a game Leichhardt should not have lost: in fact they should have won it well.

Leichhardt shot into the lead in the 27th minute when Tony Morsello slipped the ball past Heidelberg goalkeeper Jeff Olver following good work by Peter Tredinnick and Walter Valeri.

At this stage the Leichhardt fans sat back in the sunshine to bask in what looked like becoming a handsome victory.

But their peace of mind was shattered in the 38th minute when Charlie Yankos hammered home a free kick from all of 40 metres with Leichhardt goalkeeper Greg Woodhouse caught napping.

More was to follow and Heidelberg went ahead in the 58th minute from yet another free kick — this time scored by Mike Valentine from the edge of the penalty area.

Once again the Leichhardt defence was caught nap-



ping. Some sloppy organising of the defensive wall, where only four players formed up, made it easy for Valentine to net.

But Leichhardt to their credit, fought back and forced the equaliser when Peter Sharne scored when Jeff Olver failed to hold a shot from Peter Tredinnick.

At this stage it looked as if Leichhardt was going to get away with at least a point.

But their defensive mistakes continued and in the 67th minute an unmarked Gary Cole said "thanks" and headed a Jim Campbell cross past the unhappy Greg Woodhouse.

It was a tragedy of errors for Leichhardt but a real happy day for Heidelberg coach Jim Tansey who certainly has worked wonders with this Victorian outfit.

LEICHHARDT: Woodhouse; Carter, Mariani, Bertogna, Brown; Gray, Morsello, Tredinnick; Bradley, Valeri (De Ceglie60), Sharne.

HEIDELBERG: Olvar; McKie, Yankos, Valentine, McLeod; Spanos, Selemides, Campbell; Cole, Patterson, Lea (Tansey70).

REFEREE: Ken Small.

CROWD: 2,300.

Paul Wilkinson(!) scored a valuable goal for St George in their 2-1 win over Newcastle.



BROWN BAGS WINNER!

BY TOM MCKAIN

WEST ADELAIDE broke through for their first win in 15 weeks when they sunk Sydney Olympic at Hindmarsh Stadium.

Their last three-pointer came when they beat Brisbane Lions 1-0 although there has been a string of draws.

The all-important goal against Olympic came from Tim Brown in the 73rd minute and was Wests' first after a four game run of ducks.

The match, while it never soared to great heights and was watched by less than 1,000 fans despite being Wests' last home match of the season, was a triumph for Peter Koulizos.

Assistant to Alan Vest, then taking over three weeks ago when the Englishman and the club parted company, Koulizos had committed his team to attack and saw them beaten by South Melbourne then 2-0 at Footscray.

He also dropped import Bill Amey, a defender, and midfield strongman Mickey Brennan,

and against Olympic it looked like he was heading for another defeat.

The Sydney team threw everything at the West goal but it was the home side which got the break.

Graham Heys hammered a shot which hit the underside of Gary Meier's bar and bounced back into play just high enough for Brown to nod home.

Heys had "scored" in the 54th minute burying a dropping ball into the net but was ruled offside by referee Jim Rossis, a decision which upset the home players and fans.

Meier also parried a great shot from a Graham Honeyman free-kick: when it came to comparing shots for shots it was Olympic's day although that was little consolation to them.

There was a typical incident in the 75th minute when a Marshal Soper shot was blocked by goalkeeper Gary Sproul. When the rebound was hit by Terry Patalis it was blocked by the large foot of defender Robbie Dunn and the ball landed in Sproul's hands.

In the first half Soper headed over the bar; Tony Dakos hit the bar from a corner with a header, then had a goal disallowed; another Soper shot was turned for a corner and Sproul saved a shot from Patalis.

Then in the second-half battle, Sproul stopped Mark Koussas who was on from the kick-off with Peter Katholos on the bench. Soper headed just wide, Koussas hit over the bar right in front of goal, then there was the Dunn incident.

So, in brilliant sunshine and the temperature hitting 28 degrees, it was a bright day for the West defenders and a frustrating one for the Olympic midfielders Jim Patikas and Peter Raskopoulos, who worked so hard.

Soper did everything right but couldn't score.
WEST ADELAIDE: Sproul, Papazoglou, McGregor, Heirn, Dunn, Stamatelopoulos, Heys, Atsalas, Brown, Honeyman, Constantinopoulos.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier, Rogers, Coady, Dakos, Jennings, Raskopoulos (Katholos 83), Phillips, Patikas, Soper, Patalis, Koussas.

REFEREE: J. Rossis.

CROWD: 982

RAMS STILL THERE

BY HARRY HALL

PRESTON recovered from last week's defeat by Heidelberg with a narrow but well deserved win over Footscray 2-1 at Conner Reserve.

The win elevated the former leaders of the competition into the top four and revived their hopes for the title, two points away from the current leaders.

Preston got off to an impressive start and netted their first "goal" after 10 minutes through Zarko Odzakovic but the referee disallowed the goal on advice from his linesman.

Preston players protested strongly to referee Evan Venios, arguing that the ball was inside the touchline when Odzakovic cracked his shot.

But the home team persevered with their

attacks and shot to the lead after 18 minutes from a penalty taken by captain George McMillan.

The referee awarded the penalty to McMillan after he was brought down by two Footscray defenders.

Footscray refused to surrender and pushed forward, searching for the equaliser.

Midfielder Kenny Taylor initiated a move from the midfield in the 37th minute that resulted in the equaliser. His square pass to Belic was quickly relayed to O'Donnell who placed it in the net.

Footscray could have taken the lead in the 64th minute when Joe Carroll broke clear from the defence and with Wilson to beat the skilful striker managed to hit the side netting with his powerful shot.

Preston wrapped up the game four minutes before full-time when the Australian Soccer Press Association's Victorian Under 21 player of the year, Con Opasinas, cut a through ball for McMillan who in turn laid it back for Claud Lucchesi to smash into the net.

Preston coach Peter Ollerton was voted Victorian coach of the year by members of ASPA ahead of Bobby McLachlan of Footscray and Len McKendry of South Melbourne.

PRESTON: Wilson, Opasinas, Petrovski, Ilioski, Jones, Todorovski, Lucchesi, McMillan, Ollerton, Livingstone (Farrell 60), Odzakovic.

FOOTSCRAY: Boland, Curovic, Hazabent, Kyrakoulas, Tutill, Belic, Taylor, Carroll, Paton, O'Donnell, Lujic.

REFEREE: E. Venios

CROWD: 5,000



Left: Former Soccerroo boss Rudi Gutendorf signing his contract with Yomiuri director Mr Isato.
Steve Patterson is flanked by Mr Isato and general secretary Mr Asano in a fitting club shirt ceremony after his signing.

THE RISING OF THE SOCCERSAN

JAPAN, THE SLEEPING giant of Asian football, has awakened and is preparing to sweep all before it on its surge to the top.

As subsidiary companies of the giant multi-million dollar concerns such as the Yomiuri Publishing and Television Group, Mazda Motor Corporation, Hitachi Electronics, to name a few, the leading Japanese clubs are making a bid to take their game to world level. And why not? Many leading clubs throughout the world carry Japanese sponsorship and there seems no reason why the home Japanese clubs can't be as good as their overseas-sponsored outfits.

Two former Australian star identities are the first to be enrolled to get the action started in Japan.

They are former national coach Rudi Gutendorf and former Olympic striker Steve Paterson.

Both have joined the powerful Yomiuri club of Tokyo which is an offshoot of the powerful Yomiuri publishing empire.

Coach Rudi Gutendorf has signed a two and a half year contract with Yomiuri, which has made him one of the highest paid coaches in world football.

He has already started his administration duties with the club, but will not take over the team until the start of the 1984 season for which preparations start in February.

Gutendorf has a lucrative salary, a magnificent free apartment, plus a brand new plush Japanese sports car for his use.

Add to this, all the perks that go along with a top coaching job and you have a position that most coaches throughout the world would give their eye teeth to have.

Rudi's first signing was former Olympic star Steve Paterson, who during his time in the NSL, proved to be the top target man in Australian Soccer.

Big Steve will play and work for the Yomiuri Group and has landed

probably the best contract ever by an Australian player.

Apart from his playing duties, he will be heavily involved in coaching, television work, advertising and promotion.

He has signed a marvellous contract which includes a free luxurious apartment, a club car and when the season has a break in June, two return tickets for a holiday to Scotland for himself and his fiancée.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for me and indeed the break that only comes once in a lifetime," Paterson said after signing for his new club.

"It is even greater than being with Manchester United and I am looking forward very much to starting my new career with the Yomiuri club.

"I will fly back to Scotland from Sydney at the end of this month and then to Tokyo to begin pre-season training with Yomiuri in January.

"It's all happened to me during the past few weeks and I now feel on top of the world."

At 25, Steve Paterson has his best football years ahead of him and has now embarked on a new career in Japan that will no doubt bring him success and happiness.

Coach Rudi Gutendorf was his usual effervescent self, full of optimism and confidence for the task ahead.

"We plan to build a club at Yomiuri on similar lines to the New York Cosmos and the foundations have already been laid with the signing of Steve," he declared.

"I saw him play for Manchester United a few years ago and I am convinced he is the type of player who will be a big star here in Japan.

"During my visit to Germany, I intend to sign a world class Yugoslav goalkeeper to strengthen the defence.

"We already have two Brazilian players and some excellent Japanese national team players. I am happy with my playing staff.

BY TOM ANDERSON

General secretary of the Yomiuri club, Seiya Asano, is a former Nippon Television executive who has been given the position of top administrator

with the Soccer club to get things moving.

"We see this as the start of something big and we intend to pursue it with the utmost vigor," he said.

"The name of Yomiuri is always linked with success in business and we aim to make this the situation in football also.

"We are very happy to have secured the services of Rudi Gutendorf and Steve Paterson and I am sure they will be happy with us and we will all reach our aims together."

There are 10 teams in the top Japanese league and every team is allowed only two foreign players in every game.

In recent years West German coach Dettmar Cramer began the upsurge of football in Japan.

Every year the world club championship is held in Tokyo and televised live throughout the world.

Soccer in Japan is now on the march as never before and with its resources and know-how, it is certain to succeed.

GUESS WHO DIDN'T COME TO LUNCH?

IT WAS to be the luncheon of the year — the media conference at which the National Soccer League would tell the real story about Brisbane's involvement.

Everyone who is anyone was there, a surprising turnout in a city where Soccer probably ranks fourth on the list of football codes. But everyone wanted to be in on the act.

So keen was one non-sporting radio station

BY GREG RUSSELL

that it sent a pretty young female reporter — enthusiastic but obviously covering an event beyond her interests or taste.

But still, she was there in the midst of the action, and that was important as everyone had been invited to this tell-all media luncheon — everyone but Queensland Soccer Federation president Ald Ian Brusasco.

"Ald Brusasco is a very busy man with much more important things to do than attend media luncheons," we were told.

"If we invited him to meet us every time we came to Queensland, he soon would get sick of it," the kind-hearted

League official said.

It's a pity because the Queensland sea food was superb and the hospitality warming. The mood was relaxed and everybody was coasting. That is, everybody but the little girl from the radio station, the sole female in attendance.

With the assistance of her modern reporting aid, the mini-tape recorder, she made sure she positioned herself so as not to miss a single word from our host Peter Sheean and his trusty ally Stefan Kamasz.

Mr Sheean, at his rhetorical best, told us how misguided Ald Brusasco had been in his criticisms of the National League.

The little radio girl took it all in, her cassette winding around frantically.

Sheean went on to say it was ludicrous to suggest Brisbane City and Lions were "mere pawns" in a conference of convenience as suggested by Ald Brusasco.

He said there was no way the Sydney and

Melbourne clubs would withdraw their support in the near future and Queensland had nothing to fear by continuing to stay in the League.

"As long as they perform technically on the field, I can't see why they will not compete in the League for another 30 years," Mr Sheean said.

He then assured the Queenslanders they would be more than happy with the draw, to be announced in Melbourne early next month.

He told of double headers, night games and 10 matches involving Sydney teams in Brisbane next season. It took some time to convince him Brisbane already had 10 matches involving Sydney teams each season.

But that's not the point, he said, there will be more games involving Brisbane teams in Brisbane next year too. In fact it was easy to get the impression that had we asked to see more

CAN'T WALK AWAY: RODNY

KAREL RODNY will not cut himself adrift from the game when he retires as president of the NSW Federation of Soccer Clubs in a few weeks.

"When you've been involved in Soccer for your whole life, you cannot just walk away from it," Rodny said.

"I shall continue to attend matches every weekend and, if I can help in any capacity, I shall do so."

There is no doubt, however, that trouble-shooter Rodny has had his fill of the squabbles and political problems of Australian Soccer.

He once said he would never resign but events during the past 12 months caused him to change his mind.

"I do not look to the future with any confidence. The sport has ceased to be enjoyable. There are too many power-seekers in Soccer now and I would find it almost impossible to work with them," said Rodny.

There is no doubt he was totally opposed to the increase in the number of clubs proposed for the 1984 National League.

In fact, NSW had intended voting against the proposal in the Australian Soccer Federation.

It is still not clear why, when the crucial vote was taken, NSW's delegates,

Karel Rodny and Ken Ferguson went along with the other States and agreed to the new look NSL.

They do feel, though, that they were let down by Victoria. And if NSW had opposed the plan, they would have been the only State in Australia to do so.

Karel Rodny also admits honestly that he could have been influenced by the very serious threat to harm his family if he continued to oppose the revamped NSL.

On the day of the vital ASF meeting in Sydney, an anonymous phone message assured Rodny that if he did not vote in favour of the enlarged NSL, his house would be blown up "with his family in it."

Rodny admitted: "I did not want to put my family at risk because who knows what steps some of these mad people will take?"

During his 35 years in Australian Soccer, Rodny made plenty of enemies — and many friends.

He will always be remembered as president of two of Australia's greatest club sides — Prague and Hakoah.

Melbourne teams here next season, we probably would have got them, too.

So keen was he to please that to a question on the allocation of finals, Sheean replied: "If Brisbane is in the final I would suggest to you that it would be played in Brisbane." Later, he expressed reservations about that.

Mr Sheean was fired with questions about providing written assurances for the draw.

"They are not needed, and the clubs will tell you that," Sheean responded.

Then someone dared to quiz Mr Sheean on the West Nally sponsorship and asked just how much had been paid.

"It's none of your business," one reporter was told.

"But Ald Brusasco said..."

"I will tell you now, Ald Brusasco doesn't know," was the reply to the unfinished question.

"But he is an Executive member of the ASF and surely if anyone should know..."

But then, just as the conference had come to a head, it finished.

It was obvious the NSL officials weren't going to answer the questions we really wanted to ask. Everyone began filing out, including our intrepid young reporter.

She was probably a little hasty. Had she

hung around she would have heard a further scathing attack on Ald Brusasco by Brisbane City president Mr Sam Pappalardo.

"What he has done over the past two months is shocking. He is trying to destroy us," Mr Pappalardo said.

Everyone generally agreed that was the problem. Ald Brusasco wanted to make his competition strong at the expense of the NSL. Even the newspapers gave wide coverage the next day to the stinging attack on Soccer's supremo by Mr Pappalardo.

But Ald Brusasco refused to hit back. He remained tight lipped, claiming he would pick his time to respond, more likely than not on October 15 when he announces whether or not Brisbane City have kept their place in the new Premier League or have been banished to the lower divisions.

But was Ald Brusasco refusing to comment because he was upset that he should be denied an invitation to what turned out to be the lunch of the season?

"No I am not upset that I wasn't invited," said Ald Brusasco from the radio station boardroom. "I started to listen to the tape but it was all too boring for me."

The mystery of the pretty young reporter was solved.

BUSIEST day of the week for ACT Soccer president Roger Grylls is Saturday.

Last Saturday Roger had to attend an all day seminar, dash home to change and then attend the Canberra League formal presentation night at the Harmonie German Club.

He ate sparingly for a very good reason. He then had to dash to the ACT Football League presentation night at the Croatia Deakin Soccer club.

By the end of it all Roger looked somewhat pooped — not surprising considering it was his tenth consecutive late night for Canberra Soccer.

St GEORGE coach Frank Arok was an interested spectator at the Wollongong-Newcastle game at Wollongong Showground recently.

One or two of the Wollongong players were interested to hear he was there — Arok has said his team's big problem is getting goals.

Arok was disappointed when he tried to get a drink at Wollongong Leagues club after driving from Sydney on a very hot day.

He tried hard to get the door open but wasn't aware the club went broke and closed down six months ago.

HOW do you explain the so-consistent performances of Sydney City Slickers, year after year?

Team captain Murray Barnes told ASW: "That's easy. We field basically an unchanged team every season. Stability is a big help."

By the way, we understand Murray would be welcomed by the Kuring-ai club if he did feel like a change...and Kuringai have ambitions about moving into the National League.



Zarko Odzakov



Murray Barnes (right) on the run for the Slickers.

LAST week South Melbourne needed three more successive wins to break West Adelaide's record of eight straight when it won the Philips League in 1978.

South's charge would already be completed for a straight wins record had they not lost to Adelaide City last month.

NOW it is official, after many stops, starts and denials.

S.A. First Division and Cup champions Beograd HAVE applied for the National League in 1984.

SAM FISZMAN was certainly not amused when players in the Sydney City team complained bitterly about their home game against Brisbane Lions being taken to Marconi Stadium rather than the more convenient, and better, St George Stadium.

"Since when do players tell their club where matches should be played?" asked an angry Fiszman. They will play where they are told to play.

Tough talk, but he was right. Player power can be dangerous in Soccer.

Maybe Fiszman — who has the difficult task of controlling the purse strings at Sydney City — relented though. Soon after having his say about the players, it was decided that the match would, after all, go to St George's excellent ground!

WHISPER is that West Adelaide may find it hard to retain some of its established players whose contracts run out this year.

Coach Alan Vest, looking for a new club, is expected to send out word to the men he wants from Adelaide as soon as he is signed for 1984.

PRESTON midfielder Zarko Odzakov, is favourite for the NSL player of the year award.

A steady performer, Odzakov has impressed every Soccer follower with his skills, team leadership and fighting spirit.

Most of the experts admit that the former Vardar star rates among the best imports of the National League.

WOLLONGONG City full-back Steve Pollard appears to have escaped lightly after appearing before the NSL judiciary panel.

Pollard was sent off in his team's game against Sydney Olympic at Barton Park.

On his way from the field he was struck with a number of obstacles thrown by Olympic supporters and jumped the fence to grab one of the people involved.

He admitted having done it in the heat of the moment and because he was upset at being sent from the field.

One of the missiles which struck him was a full beer can.

Pollard has been outed until January but in effect was only suspended for three competition games.

On the other side of the coin, one would think some action could have been taken against Olympic — it was their home game and it was certainly their supporters who threw the missiles.

LEICHHARDT coach Fil Bottalico was planning recently for 1984 — and thinking about the players he'd like to buy.

Then came the court case brought by former player Johann Scharmann.

The result of that case, against the Apia Club, could make Apia think twice about spending a lot of cash to reinforce Leichhardt's team.

It has been a very disappointing season financially for Leichhardt. Some people at the club estimate \$60,000 was lost at the start of the season when heavy rain ruined attendances at Leichhardt's home games.



SOCCER and its deep seated migrant rivalry continues to clash alarmingly.

In Canberra over the weekend we saw the amateur, Canberra league ball at the Harmonie German club with the football league, end of season ball being held at Croatia Deakin Soccer club.

One club, Canberra United, couldn't attend. The reason? It is backed by the Yugoslavian Settlers Association and never frequents a Croatian club.

UNBELIEVABLE... South Melbourne key players, Oscar Crino, Kenny Murphy and Bobby Russell signed their contracts last week, ten months after their arrival at Middle Park.

DAVID Hogben, of Green Gully, is being hailed as a "Craig Johnston in the making."

David, a left back, is Australian born and had much to do with Gully's third State League championship.

He's made his way through the ranks from junior to senior Soccer and has great anticipation.

Said Gully clubman, Arnold Langer: "David's the most determined youngster I've seen in Australian Soccer."

BRISBANE LIONS are to examine the feasibility of playing National league matches exclusively on Saturdays next year.

The club was heartened by the response recently when it played Canberra Arrows on a Saturday.

The switch was forced on Lions because a Sunday game would have clashed with the Premier League team's preliminary final at Perry Park.

Although the crowd was similar to what had been attending Lions' games in recent weeks — almost negligible — the feed back was positive. Players gave it a unanimous thumbs-up.

"The fact is Brisbane cannot support up to seven major Soccer matches on one afternoon as happens now with the NSL competing against the Premier League," said one official.

"Someone has to move. If by playing on Saturdays, more people are able to get to a National League game, we might give it a try."

WEST ADELAIDE's bid to sign Rothmans Medal winner Jan Kierno looks like failing.

The midfielder's Polish club has a contract with his S.A. team that permits him to play only for Polish-backed clubs in Australia, according to secretary Joe Larecki.

BRISBANE Lions talented young stopper Alan Hunter has made a rapid recovery from a knee cartilage operation thanks to new Laser technology.

JIM TANSEY has been listed among the candidates for the coaching position at Heidelberg.

Sam Gouloupoulos is adamant "the new Committee of Management, to be elected next month, should consider Jim Tansey quite seriously."

Tansey revealed last Sunday, he will contest the position, seemingly pleased with the results since his appointment five weeks ago.



Jim Tansey (right)

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Ron Coutts (left) and Guy Clift, coach and assistant coach, respectively, of Tasmanian State League newcomers, University. University did well in its first season in the State League, more than holding its own and beating several of the big guns, including Olympia, Rapid and Croatia.

Ibro Cahut of Croatia-Glenorchy (left) and Andrew Lesszcynski of White Eagles...Tasmania's two representatives in the Australian Secondary Schools' Representative team



WATCH THIS SLATER

SAINTS rapidly maturing striker Robbie Slater would get my vote as the NSL's young player of the year.

Perhaps that's a biased opinion as I've seen Slater and other young Sydney players more than their interstate counterparts this season.

But Slater has shown immense character in 1983.

His omission from the Young Socceroos was a great disappointment. Especially as so many Sydney experts considered Slater deserved a place in the Young Socceroos before those actually selected.

Slater however took it all in his stride and has emerged a better player for the experience.

Rather than hang his head and complain how unfair the selection was he put his head down and worked harder at his game.

Apart from his omission from the Young Socceroos, Slater had to overcome a broken ankle.

His contribution to

Saints amazing performance this year (even their most ardent fan couldn't have rated Saints a chance for this year's title) has been considerable. His game has matured tremendously and I doubt if any other young player has decided as many Slater has this year.

Slater has learnt quickly from his "partner in crime" Dez Marton. Week by week you can see Slater picking up more and more tricks and skills from the old master.

Although the year started badly for Slater it could end on a very high note.

My opinion aside he should be close to honours in the Young Players competition, then he's off to Nottingham Forest for trials.

Not forgetting the slightest of chances that Saints could still pull off the championship.

STEPHENS SPORTS TRAVEL

wishes to announce that individual, group and team itineraries for Australian teams to compete in European youth and senior tournaments for 1984 and 1985 are now being drawn up by Stephens team of sporting travel experts for further particulars contact John Lane or Gillian Harman (02) 231 3833

STYLE

Troy Ellis (above), who had a successful season this year with St Andrews, Eastwood will be playing with the popular Gladesville United club next year.

NO BREAK, WE TRAIN

ALTHOUGH the present Soccer season is nearing its end, there will be no break in the training programme for coach David Lee and the lads of the Demons Soccer Academy.

They will continue to train on regularly through the summer and into the 1984 season. The new squad will all be boys in the Under 12 age group only.

All those players who have been in the squad for the last two years will now move into the Under 14 and 15 Youth League teams and will be playing competitive Soccer regularly.

These players have worked hard under David Lee. The skills they have learnt can now be put into practice on the playing field and we wish them well.

Meanwhile trials for next season's Youth teams will take place at the Gabbie Stadium on the two Sundays October 9th and 16th at the following times: —

Under 14 — 10am, Under 15 — 11am, Under 13 — 1pm, Under 16 — 2.30pm.

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To have the ball at your feet, and call
To your mate to take the pass;
As he takes the whack, and shoots it back,
You feel that touch of class.

The thrill you feel when you're able to steal
The ball from the opposition
And your team with you, who simply knew
You'd be in the right position.

The exhilaration — the great sensation
When the coach says 'Well done!' (Mat)
You knew the test, you did your best
And nothing comes greater than that.

We all like to win — but a loss is no sin
And with Soccer, the skills are great
The pass, the shoot, the header, the boot
And the call for the ball from your mate.

So Dads and Mums — when that time comes
For Junior to shed his rocker,

A long range plan on his way to a man,
Make sure that the lad plays Soccer!

Mat 'Splinter Munro'

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Claremont High School (Tasmania) Under 13 team after a training session. BACK ROW (L-R): J. Nicholson, T. Pickett, M. Gasparink, M. Winfield, Mr W. Pless (coach). FRONT ROW (L-R): M. Newton, M. Carson, R. Canton, A. Denehy.



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MUNIZ METTLE PAYS OFF

LAST week, at the Hilton in Sydney, the annual Rothmans Medal Dinner was staged and the usual atmosphere of mystery hung over the ballroom as in everyone's mind was the same question.

Who would be this year's Gold Medal winner?

Last year, Riverwood's veteran midfielder, Johnny Stoddart, caught most Soccer people off guard when he was declared the 1982 winner. And what a popular choice Johnny turned out to be.

Last week again the ballroom was rocked with **BY JOHN ECONOMOS** surprise as another winner was declared who this season has received so little publicity.

Thirty-four year old Brazilian midfielder, Azenor Muniz from the Avala club, won it. The blond Brazilian first came to Australia back in 1971 when Hakoah spotted Muniz on a film when he was playing in Brazil.

Hakoah management, led by the late Tibby Kalman, immediately wanted Muniz for their team.

Within days, Kalman had traced Muniz in South America and offered the then 20 year old ball-playing linkman, a contract to come to Australia.

Muniz came the same year to Australia and very soon captured the imagination of the Australian Soccer public with his uncanny ball-wizardry.

At the Rothmans func-

tion, I could see Azenor was swimming in all the glory and found it hard to cope with the immense, concentrated attention.....

Let's meet the NSW 1983 Rothmans Gold Medal winner:-

BIRTHDAY: June 24, 1949.

BIRTHPLACE: Rio, Brazil.

CLUBS PLAYED FOR: Hakoah, Pan Hellenic, Hakoah, Adelaide City, Sydney City, Avala.

MARRIED?: "Yes to an Australian girl, Dianne-Rose."

FAVOURITE NSL PLAYER?: "I would have to say Joe Watson. He is a great little player."

FAVOURITE NSL TEAM?: "Sydney City."

SOCCER IDOLS WHEN YOU WERE YOUNG?: "Pele and Brito."

FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS?: "I play squash and like to watch athletics."

**MOST DIFFICULT OP-
PONENT?:** "Heidelberg's Jimmy Campbell."

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH?: "For the Australian Under 23 side against Korea in Indonesia where we played in front of 25,000 people."

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT IN SOCCER?: "When I was left out of the Australian World Cup side in 1978."

CAR YOU DRIVE?: "Dat-sun Sunny."

FAVOURITE FOOD?: "Black beans and rice."

DISLIKE IN SOCCER?: "The game here in Australia is too fast and rushed. This makes it hard to show your ball skills as you have no time. Another bad factor is the surfaces. They are all too bumpy and make ball control difficult."

"Also, we tend to shave the grass too short here. In Brazil, the pitches are allowed a good length of grass and it helps cushion the ball and you are able to get a boot well under it."

MOVIE STARS?: "Raquel Welch and Al Pacino."

FAVOURITE MUSIC?: "The Bee Gees and Beatles."

BIGGEST INFLUENCE IN YOUR CAREER?: "The 1950 World Cup players in Brazil, Ademir and Orlando."

INTERNATIONAL HONOURS?: "Over 40 Australian appearances."

ULTIMATE AMBITIONS?: "I want to play another year or two before giving it away. Then I would like to go into coaching if possible."

OCCUPATION?: "I'm a supervisor with the Australian Bacon company."

ADVICE TO KIDS?: "Practice your ball skills, but not only ONCE a day. Be very disciplined in your Soccer and try very hard all the time."

Azenor Muniz was the 14th recipient of the prestigious NSW Rothmans Gold Medal.

Two years ago, when he was brought back to Sydney from Adelaide City, Muniz suffered a nasty knee injury which threatened his playing career.

After surgery and many weeks of hard work on the comeback trail, "Aggie" burst back with more enthusiasm than ever.

His perserverance in the game that he loves so much, culminated last Tuesday night in his being awarded the Rothmans Medal.

WATSON'S CROSSES

DURING my weekly coaching session with Astrolabe Park 6 year olds, the kids and I became involved in a conversation about players nicknames.

Many of these kids are regulars at the Sydney City home games and I found they were all keenly interested in nicknames of many of the players, and they all wanted to know why the names had been given.

So here are some of the Sydney City players nicknames: I'm sure you will know some of them already. Steve O'Connor, Rocky; Murray Barnes, Mugsy; Kevin Mullen, Snozz; Joe Watson, Jinky; Willie Murray, Wilbur; Kenny Boden, Jacko; Ian Bruce, Binjer; John Kosmina, Kossie; and last but not least Eddie Thomson, E.T. Why E.T. you might ask? Well, we feel that only an Extra Terrestrial could take his team to four consecutive championships.

So the next time you visit the Sydney Athletic Field to support the Slickers you will be able to call the players by their nicknames. I'll let you figure out for yourselves why the players have them.

It's interesting to note that with both Aussie Rules and Rugby League having wound up their competitions weeks ago, Soccer with its grandstand finish to the

DOCHERTY DOLDRUMS

TOMMY DOCHERTY, labelled in the British press as "the Socceroo who got the sackeroo from Sydney Olympic", is back in the UK looking for a job reports **FRED VILLIERS**.

He does a talk-in spot for Manchester's Radio Piccadilly, but as far as Soccer is concerned there's not a blip on the radar screen.

The Doc's track record reads like a derailment. He's had more spectacular crashes than Wall Street.

But at 55, he's still not ready for the intensive care unit.

The Doc admitted: "In some quarters I'm about as welcome as a whiff of bad breath. The way some people see it a friend in need is a bloody pest."

"I believe they were thinking of doing a This Is Your Life program on me. Trouble was they didn't find anyone to come and say a good word about me."

Docherty is the everywhere man. Among the places he's visited are Chelsea, Manchester United, the Old Bailey — where he was found not guilty of perjury — and Australia.

"I enjoyed it out there," he added.

"It was like semi-retirement. But when they started spitting on me that was enough."

"I'm glad to be home. And just as enthusiastic as I was when I walked into the Chelsea job 21 year ago."

"I'm just waiting for the musical chairs to start, and then I hope to get my backside down somewhere."

"If I'm realistic, though, I don't think I'll get a job. I tried for the Manchester City and Burnley posts without success."

"The trouble is that people look at the unpopular things you've done and don't say 'There but for the grace of God go I.'"

The Doc tumbled at that particular fence when he fell in love with Mary Brown, wife of the Manchester United physio, Lawrie.

His marriage collapsed — so did his job at Old Trafford — but his relationship with Mary is still flourishing.

"I had the best job in Soccer, but my fault was I fell in love with a beautiful woman," the Doc said.

"She even sold her house to pay for my legal fees at the Bailey."

For once Docherty's face was short of a smile.

"I love to entertain people," he said. "It's a gift."

"You can't buy it whether you're worth \$2 million or two bob. Your time is up when the Big Man blows the whistle. So you make the best of it."

"I look back at my script and I wouldn't change a word."

"Oh, I would change one thing. I'd have liked to have been a millionaire. Then I could have bought my own football club and no bastard could have sacked me."

"I still have my ambition. I've only managed about 14 clubs — there are a lot more out there."

"I sometimes think my epitaph will read: 'Tommy Docherty — 92 League clubs — he coached every bloody one.'"

"I'm still a young man at heart. When you compare me with Joe Fagan I'm just a pup."

The Doc, at the moment, hasn't got a bone. In his own words "I'm skint, my son. But believe me this is Utopia."

most intriguing premiership ever, has still failed to make any real news headlines. If ever there was an opportunity for Soccer promotion now is the time.

The television and newspapers should, at the moment, be getting bombarded with stories, facts and figures on the five teams who can clinch the NSL title.

If League or Rules had such a finish you can bet your last dollar their promotion men would have had a field day.

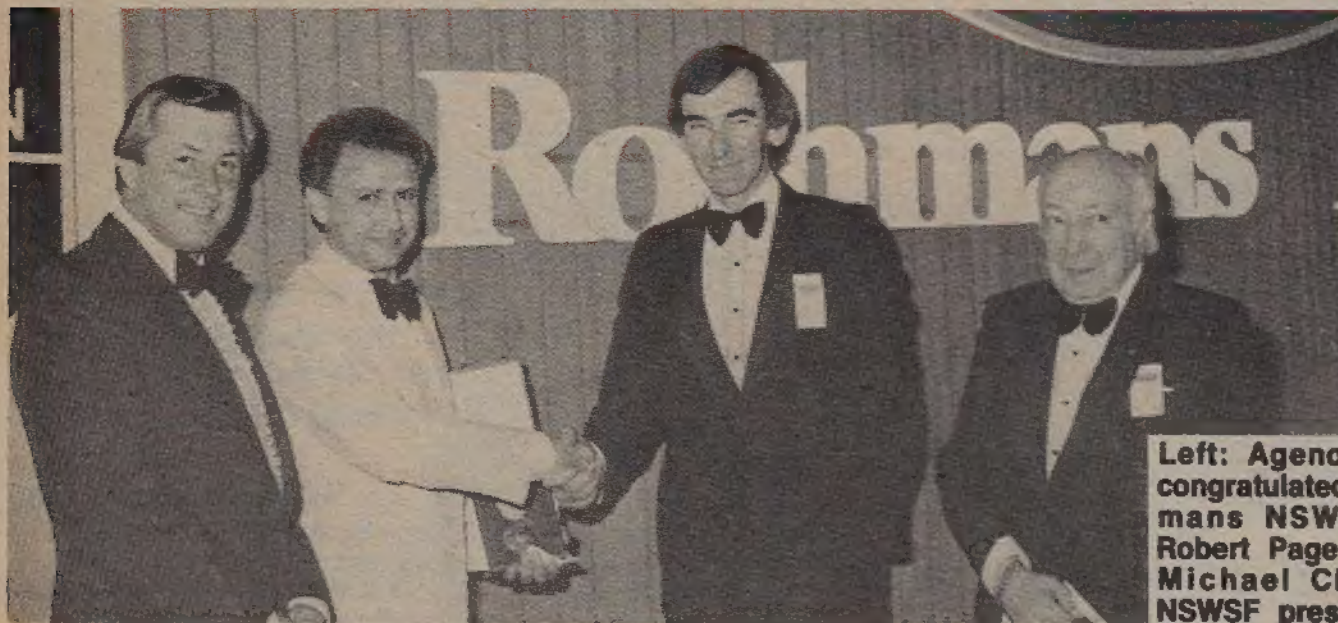
Surely our Soccer writers must be rubbing their hands with glee on being able to write about such an exciting finish. Or are they? Let's face it, they won't get a better chance to prove they can produce the goods and get Soccer into the headlines.

This national Soccer competition is our bread and butter and if we cannot get the media cover so deserving from this year's climax, our Soccer scribes should hang up their pens.

But if the fault lies with their sports editors, maybe I'm pointing the finger at the wrong guilty men!



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Left: Agenor Muniz is congratulated by Rothmans NSW manager Robert Page while Mr Michael Cleary and NSWFSF president Karl Rodney look on. Right: Robert Page smiles for the camera while Michael Cleary and Karl Rodney read their copy of ASW.

SURPRISE, SURPRISE!

BY ANDY PASCHALIDIS

AVALA MIDFIELD dynamo, Agenor Muniz, surprised many critics by winning the coveted 1983 NSW Rothmans Medal. Overcoming serious stomach and knee injuries, Agenor bounced back with a vengeance to win the valuable award.

Having played for Australia and NSW, he has reached the greatest heights in Australian Soccer. This year at the age of 34, he switched from the National League to the NSW State League.

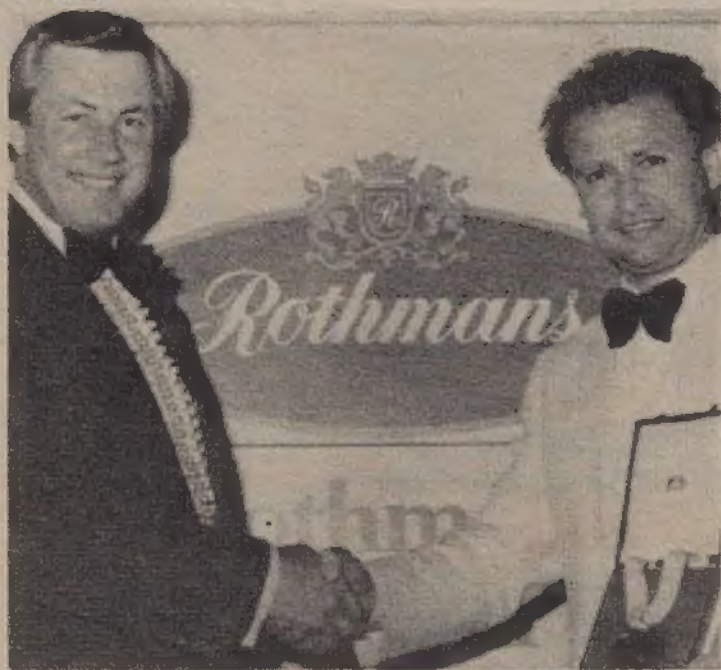
No-one was more shocked than the winner when his name was announced.

"I can't believe I have won the Rothmans Medal. It's a total shock to me but beyond doubt, it's the greatest award I have ever received in my Soccer career," Muniz concluded.

Once again Sutherland's Nigel Groome, with 23 points, missed out on winning the award by one point. In 1981 he finished on 31 points, one behind the winner Dez Marton. Last year he finished with 21 points, six places behind the winner John Stoddart.

Nigel is one player who has every reason to feel disappointed.

"This is the second year I have lost the competition by the odd point. I can never crack the big one but there's always next year if I still play in the State League," Groome added.



Medal winner Agenor Muniz is presented with his gold medal from the Minister of Sport, Leisure and Recreation, Mr Michael Cleary. Earlier on in the night Mr Cleary announced that the Government will make a grant of \$80,000 to the Parklea project.

Robert Wheatley, who in many people's minds, has had his best season with Blacktown City, ranked highly with 21 points.

"I thought I had played better this season than last year when I had 24 points. Naturally I feel slightly disappointed but I'm glad my team-mates Stuart Selva and Tony Rassmussen collected 15 and 13 points respectively," Wheatley added.

One wonders why talented and consistent performers like Tony Rassmussen and Stuart Selva were ignored on the invitation lists. The same applies to Graham Arnold (Croatia) 19 points, Antek Galas (Polonia) 17 points, Stuart Regan (Ku-Ring-Gai) 16 and Brett Woods (Croatia) 13 points.

Alan Bourke capped off a fine season as captain-coach of Bankstown with

a tally of 17 points in the competition. Alan has led the inexperienced Bankstown side with purpose and fully deserves his final ranking.

A predominant feature of the competition was the ranking of Inter-Monaro

striker Alan Reis. He finished on 15 points after having only played 18 games.

Another surprise from the final tally is the voting for NSL-class goalkeepers Steve Watson and Alex McPherson and strikers Nick Theodorakopoulos and Michael McLaughlin.

Both keepers have excelled themselves this year. Each let in only 11

goals in 24 matches. How Watson managed to total one point and McPherson only nine, I will never know.

Unbelievably Canterbury-Marrickville striker Theodorakopoulos collected only seven points. For a player to score three hat tricks and a double against Sutherland you would expect him to get many more points.

McLaughlin, signed by

Blacktown City from the AIS this year, displayed skills and tenacity which resulted in 12 goals for the Demons this year. His final tally read two points!

It's been said before, but why don't goalkeepers and to a lesser extent defenders, ever rank highly in this competition. They, more than most players, have a heavy burden to carry.

SCOREBOARD

24

Muniz (Avala),

23

Groome (Sutherland)

21

Wheatley (Blacktown),

19

Arnold (Croatia),

17

Bourke (Bankstown), Galas (Polonia) and M.Kovacic (Croatia).

16

Ahrens (Avala), Regan (Ku-Ring-Gai) and Farrugia (Melita).

15

Eaton (Ku-Ring-Gai), Reis (Inter-Monaro) and Selva (Blacktown).

13

Carney (Auburn), Rassmussen (Blacktown) and Woods (Croatia).

12

Barker (Polonia)

11

Basterfield (Cant-M'ville), Cross (Melita), Griffith (Melita), McGinn (Melita) and Stuart (Manly)

10

Arquero (Inter-Monaro), Harrington (Sutherland), Hosseini (Avala), and Santolin (Inter-Monaro)

9

Casertari (Manly), A.McPherson (Melita), Scott (Manly), Stoddart (Blacktown), and Vieri (Inter-Monaro)

8

Cashman (Sutherland), El-Zein (Cant-M'ville), Z.Garlowski (Polonia), McKie (Melita), and Giffin (Bankstown)

7

Allan (Melita), Doyle (Manly), Haynes (Sutherland), Kirwan (Blacktown), Robertson (Ku-Ring-Gai) and Theodorakopoulos (Cant-M'ville)

6

Andreou (Cant-M'ville), Bertram (Ku-Ring-Gai), Brown (Bankstown), Duarte (Melita), Knight (Ku-Ring-Gai), Laing (Cant-M'ville), Quigley (Auburn), Smith (Manly), Sterrey (Croatia), Tracey (Polonia), Willox (Inter-Monaro), and Vujinovic (Avala)

5

Antonopoulos (Cant-M'ville), Curcic (Inter-Monaro), Clarke (S.S.C Yugal), Dal-Forno (Sutherland), Kevern (Ku-Ring-Gai), Ortega (Polonia), and Vidaic (Croatia)

4

Berry (S.S.C Yugal), Blackburn (Bankstown), Barton (Avala), Daley (Melita), Farnsworth (Melita), Geekie (Polonia), Hensman (Croatia), Jack (Manly), Lembryk (Avala), Mihajlovic (Yugal), Parker (Bankstown), and Walker (Blacktown)

3

Allen (Auburn), Brown (Avala), Curtis (Ku-Ring-Gai), Carrizo (Croatia), Campanella (Bankstown), Clinch (Sutherland), Colbataldo (Inter-Monaro), Deller (Avala), Dale (Auburn), Ellis (Croatia), Falconer (Manly), Georgiou (Cant-M'ville), Hammond (Ku-Ring-Gai), Hocking (Inter-Monaro), Johnston (Sutherland), Knowles (Sutherland), Karankilovski (Avala), Kelly (Auburn), Kowalczyk (Polonia), Larkin (Blacktown), McAusland (Melita), Meneos (Sutherland), Noble (Manly),

O'Neill (Bankstown), Rezo (Croatia), Roberts (Auburn), Rootsey (Bankstown), Rogers (Sutherland), Sillens (Bankstown), Scharfegger (Sutherland), Smith (Polonia), Silva (Croatia), Thornthwaite (Blacktown), Townson (Auburn) and Vassiliou (Cant-M'ville)

Players scoring two or less points have not been included in the scoreboard.

LEAGUE POSITION & ROTHMANS TALLY

1. Melita	91
4. Sutherland	82
3. Blacktown	78
2. Croatia	77
7. Avala	75
5. Ku-Ring-Gai	70
8. Inter-Monaro	63
11. Polonia	62
6. Manly	54
9. Cant-M'ville	53
13. Bankstown	52
12. Auburn	35
10. Yugal	23

Figures on the left indicate the position at the end of the State League season. The numbers on the right represent the club's tally of points achieved by players. Please note that players sent-off during a match automatically lose all points and therefore the position does not reflect the teams all-round performance



Left: The Bankstown table at the Rothmans presentation. Right: This smiling table is none other than the judges who select the medal winner, our referees!



**ROTHMANS MEDAL
WINNER 1983**



**Agenor Muniz
(Avala)**

**SOCCER'S
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AROUND NEW SOUTH WALES

BY ANDREW
PASCHALIDIS



Sutherland goalkeeper Mal Haynes played with enthusiasm for the Sharks. Here, he withstands a challenge from Melita forward Don Allan. Photo by David Jellings.

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1ST GRADE

3.00pm

Croatia Sydney v Melita Eagles or Sutherland

2ND GRADE

1.00pm

Sutherland Shire v Blacktown City

3RD GRADE

11.30am

Croatia Sydney v Canterbury-Marr Olympic

SHARKS, EAGLES FACE A REPLAY

THE FINAL between Sutherland and Melita Eagles will be replayed tomorrow (Wednesday night) following a hard fought 1-1 draw at St George Stadium.

This game was to decide which team advances through to the Grand Final to face Croatia, but after 120 minutes of Soccer, this was not to be.

There was some memorable goalmouth action at either end but fine goal-keeping and defensive work from both teams kept the bulk of these chances from becoming goals.

Melita started with determined inspiration. Teamwork was the essence and it was a delight to watch the timing and skill between the Melita team players. Their desire to push forward — not through long balls but crisp passes — was the major factor involved in their domination of the first half.

Melita's persistence paid off and they opened up the scoring in the 13th minute. Richie Williams latched onto a ball in the middle and lobbed it through for Farnsworth. In the chase for possession he outpaced Sutherland defender Keith Schuman and was brought down by the Sutherland 'keeper, Mal Haynes. Ray Farrugia made no mistake from the penalty spot.

Melita maintained their enthusiasm to attack and created further chances. Griffith broke through on the left in the 18th minute and his low cross was cleared by Sharks defender, Mitch Hesford.

Moments later John McKie, who was tightly marked for a majority of the game, drove the ball from 20 metres just wide of the goal. In the 36th minute Ray Farrugia, Alex Jamieson and Wayne Farnsworth combined with the latter hitting the ball wide of goal.

Shane Clinch replied to this barrage of pressure for the Sharks. In the 38th minute he darted through the midfield veered to the left but sprayed the ball wide of goal.

Sutherland came back into the second half with renewed vigour. On a number of occasions they applied pressure on the Melita goal but some safe goalkeeping and defensive work held them at bay.

After only eight minutes in the second half, Sutherland were awarded a penalty. To the dismay of his fellow players and supporters, Mark Harrington planted the ball wide of goal.

This didn't deter the eager Sharks and they bounced back to score the vital equaliser just three minutes later.

A 25 metre shot from Shane Clinch deflected against Melita defender Bobby McGinn. Cashman darted through and coolly tucked the ball wide of

the Melita 'keeper McPherson.

Cashman was in the thick of the action moments later. He latched on a looping pass inside the area but his shot was confidently saved by McPherson.

Midway through the half Melita substitute Tommy Gavin pushed forward down the right flank, crossed to the unmarked Allan and his header was well saved by the Sutherland 'keeper Haynes.

Sutherland's best chance to seal the game arrived in the 83rd minute. Jim Webber, who came on for Nigel Groome, found himself free on the right, crossed to the unmarked Harrington and with the goal at his mercy, hesitated and lost possession.

The extra-time period saw the Melita team bounce back and dominate proceedings. They were also helped in their plight after Sutherland defender Aron Scharfegger was sent from the field.

The Eagles created two good goalscoring chances in the first period of extra-time.

A high cross from Billy Griffith on the left found Allan free in the area but he headed just over the bar. In the 11th minute Tommy Gavin, with his back to the goal, skilfully turned and his cross across the face of the goal was hit wide by the diving Melita captain, Mickey Cross.

Sutherland goalkeeper Mal Haynes saved his team from defeat with two brilliant saves in the



Sutherland's Jim Webber (left) attempts to go around Melita's Bobby McGinn. Photo by DAVID JELLINGS.

second period of extra-time.

A one-two combination between Melita's Don Allan and Ray Farrugia saw the latter force Haynes to pull off a confident diving save on his near post.

The second goalscoring chance for the Eagles fell in the 10th minute. A high cross from Richie Williams on the right flank found Mickey Cross and his powerful diving header was well saved by Haynes.

Sutherland face their second replay in the semi-final series and the fitness of their players will be the telling factor if they can defeat Melita tomorrow (Wednesday night). John Watkiss, although disappointed with the result was pleased with the way his players fought on after being reduced to 10 men in extra-time.

"The boys worked hard out there today. If we capitalised on our chances in the second half we would have secured victory. Unfortunately we

haven't much time to recuperate from our injury problems but the boys won't give in without a fight," said Watkiss.

Melita coach Raul Blanco was pleased with the way the Eagles fought their way back into the game after a disappointing period during the second half.

"The last 20 minutes of the second half was lethargic. I told the boys it wasn't a way to lose a match and they came out and showed they had character," Blanco said.

MELITA: McPherson, Williams, Cross, McGinn, Daley, Griffith, Farnsworth (Allan 67), McAusland (Gavin 59), Jamieson, Farrugia, McKie.

SUTHERLAND: Haynes, Hesford, Terry, Schuman, Sharfegger (SO 92), Cashman, Harrington, Clinch, Beggs, Groome (Webber 73), Meades (Watkins 107).

GOALS: Melita (Farrugia 13), Sutherland (Cashman 56).



Young Sutherland dynamo Brandt Cashman (left) played a large part in the second half resurgence from the Sharks. Photo by DAVID JELLINGS.



The Sutherland Sharks cheerleaders performed entertaining dance segments during a break in the semi-final between Melita and Sutherland at the St George Stadium.

DEMONS HOLD OUT THE SEASIDERS

Blacktown City's second grade side overcame their first defeat of the season against Sutherland two weeks ago to overcome Manly 1-0 and move through to the second grade grand final against Sutherland at the Sports Ground.

The Demons moved the ball about with methodical ease but lacked punch in front of goal. On the other hand, the Seasideers were unlucky because on a number of occasions they created the better chances but poor finishing in front of goal let them down.

In the 21st minute Peter Vale should have scored from two metres but his attempt was cleared off the line. Seconds later a powerful header from his team mate, Van Heldon, was superbly saved by Freeman.

The game erupted in the 33rd minute. A communication breakdown between Manly goalkeeper Dower and his fellow defender Ver Duin, allowed Pearson dart through and slam the loose ball into the empty net.

Manly continually pushed forward in the second half but disappointingly for them, they couldn't finish off their tenacious build-ups.

In the 59th minute an overhead kick from Manly striker, Peter Vale,

sailed just wide. Moments later Van Heldon, McGrath and Juergens combined with the latter driving the ball wide.

With nine minutes remaining McGrath almost levelled terms for Manly but his delicate shot on the turn just missed the top corner of the Blacktown goal.

However it was the Demons who produced the best chance of the game in the 87th minute. A cross from the right flank was parried by Dower, Thorthwaite followed through for the Demons and chipped the ball to the empty goal. Miraculously Dower leapt up from the ground to pull off the best save of the game.

BLACKTOWN: Freeman, Campbell, Shaw, Purcell, Falzon, Lumsdaine, Pearson, Thorthwaite, Kirwan, Rolis, Welbourne.

MANLY: Dower, Paud, Ver Duin, McGrath, Dennis, Sprott, Jones, Dick, Peter Vale (Juergens 69), Paul Vale (Seargent 39), Van Heldon.

GOALS: Blacktown City (Pearson 33).



NSWSF president Karl Rodny (right) presents the 1983 premiership shield to Melita Eagles president Emmanuel Said. Photo by DAVID JELLINGS.

SHARKS, EAGLES 'SO TIRED!'

Jozef Kuze, Croatia's first grade coach, is confident about his team's chances of winning Sunday's NSW Grand Final at the Sports Ground.

And why shouldn't he be?

With Sutherland and Melita having drawn at St George Stadium last Sunday and facing a replay tomorrow (Wednesday) night, things couldn't look better for Croatia.

"This draw after extra-time is a good result for us. Whichever team we face will be in a tired

state considering they have to play three games in seven days.

"I would prefer to play Sutherland in the Grand Final. Individually, Melita is the better side and has held us to two draws this season.

"There is no doubt that Sutherland is a good team but we had the upper hand in two games against them during this

year's competition," Kuze added.

No-one doubts that his side is in a good position to win the Grand Final.

They will certainly be in much better physical shape than their opponents and whichever team wins the replay will find it hard playing three games in seven days.

Croatia are aiming to make it two Grand Final



KUZE

wins in a row on Sunday

Last year they defeated Sutherland 2-1 in the Grand Final and the Sharks proved they were no slouch in the semi-final play-offs defeating Blacktown 4-2 and Riverwood 1-0.

Kuze makes a point that whichever team makes it, will give Croatia a difficult time.

"A Grand Final is won on motivation. You never know which team will win," he said.

ILLAWARRA JOTTINGS

BY PHIL MURPHY

ILLAWARRA Soccer clubs have become notorious for fixture clashes this season but it isn't over yet.

Fairy Meadow, Wollongong United and district sides have clashed with Wollongong City at different times.

The latest clash is off the field — Wollongong City and Fairy Meadow will be holding their annual balls on the same night.

They have both gone for Friday, October 28 as their big night of the social season.

Once again it will be interesting to see who draws the biggest crowd.

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FAIRY MEADOW striker

BERRIES STRIKERS SINK THE EAGLES

CANTERBURY-MARRICKVILLE Olympic advanced to the third grade final after they scored two goals in a strong second half rally to defeat Melita Eagles 2-0 at St George Stadium.

The Berries now face premiership winners, Croatia, in the grand final at the Sports Ground on Sunday. In the final two weeks ago, Croatia defeated Canterbury 3-2 at Marconi stadium.

But on the weekend, the Berries looked an impressive side in forward movements. On a number of occasions the Eagles were left stranded in defence through the skilful attacking movements of Canterbury's NSW representative strikers Andricopoulos and Angelis.

Melita central-striker Lewis looked the most dangerous player for the Eagles but not many chances were created for him.

Melita's best opportunities came from some clever crosses from both flanks. On a number of occasions the Canterbury keeper, Vouglis, was left stranded.

A one-two combination between Canterbury's deadly duo in the 25th minute saw Andricopoulos shoot wide of the goal. They repeated this effort eight minutes later but this time it was Angelis hit wide.

Angelis' perseverance almost paid off for the Berries in the 40th minute when he latched onto a loose ball in the area, turned and smashed it against the crossbar.

In the 61st minute, the

Berries almost broke the deadlock. Angelis pushed through on the right, crossed into the middle and his team mate Lubonich forced the Melita keeper, Parish, to pull off a brilliant save.

But Canterbury were rewarded for their efforts three minutes later. A long pass from Fternatis in the midfield was headed out by the Melita defence to Andricopoulos. He ran to the right, cut inside and his shot at goal was deflected out to his team mate Angelis who made no mistake.

Tolra had the best chance to equalise for Melita in 68th minute. He ran onto a through ball on the left flank, turned inside Welsh but with goal at his mercy, fired wide.

Andricopoulos sealed the game for Canterbury with minutes remaining after he found himself free in front of goal, chested the ball down and smashed it into the net.

CANT-M'VILLE: Vouglis, Bortolin, Welsh, Fternatis, D'Imperio, Nickopoulos, Beddoni, Angelis, Andricopoulos, Barakat, Lubonich.

MELITA: Parish, Beecroft, Henry, Veron, Williams, Solidakis, Vella, Paz (Genovese 32), Lewis, Whiteside, Lentini (Tolra 58).

GOALS: Cant-M'ville (Angelis 64, Andricopoulos 76).

Their talented under 18 side scored 105 goals on their way to the grand final success the biggest total of any side in the Federation.

The future certainly looks bright for the club with these boys on the way up.

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ILLAWARRA Soccer referees have sacked coach Mario Mastroianni after a humiliating 4-1 loss to Newcastle referees in their annual challenge match.

The Illawarra players blamed the poor tactics employed by their coach for the defeat.

Illawarra led 1-0 at half-time through a goal by Stefan Jaros but fell apart in the second half when Newcastle adopted "gridiron style" replacements.

Newcastle continually put replacements on dur-

ing the second half as the Illawarra team began to stop to a walk.

Malcolm Nix equalised for Newcastle then full-back John Caban scored a spectacular goal from Newcastle's side of the half-way.

His optimistic looking lob deceived goalkeeper Greg Simpson, bounced in front of him and flew into the roof of the net.

Robert Morison and Stephen Wright completed the scoring for Newcastle.

The surprising aspect of the game was that referee Robert Robertson didn't use the yellow card once despite some bad tackles.

He said later players on both sides had threatened him before the kick-off. "They said something about not liking their own medicine," Robertson said.

Newcastle have now regained the Vickers Cup and will defend it in Newcastle next season.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC S.F.C.

Is presently holding its trials for selection of the 1984 Squads for Junior teams under 13s, under 14s, under 15s and under 16s.

These trials are held at Hawmond Park Cnr Frederick & Henry St Ashfield on four consecutive Sundays starting 9th of October 1983, 16th, 23rd and 30th of October 1983 at 9am.

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OZ SOCCER IS AN ENDANGERED GAME

JOHN VAN HOBOKEN, the former president-founder of the Ringwood City Wilhelmina State League club, wants to know where Soccer is going in Victoria

The grand old man of the round-ball code wants to see people selected to run the game primary for their interest in Soccer and not their club.

"After the last few months of arguing about the National League, it is even more obvious that the management of Soccer in Australia, in particular in Victoria, is in the hands of a small number of club fanatics who put their own ego and the interest of their own club far above the interest of the game," he says.

"The delegates of these clubs rule the State League and when elected to the board of management do not represent the State League, but only decide what is in their own interest and the interest of their own clubs, plan and vote accordingly.

"I'm certain they mean well and they really believe that what is in the interest of their club is also in the interest of Soccer.

"I'm convinced when they go to a State League meeting they go there to get the best deal for themselves and for their club.

"No wonder there is little done to promote Soccer generally, to plan and take steps to get our lost supporters back, or rather, create new supporters and interest in Soccer."

Mr van Hoboken said at the peak of the immigration period hundreds of thousands of immigrants came to Australia each year. All they knew was Soccer. They had very little else to do over the weekends.

"I recently watched the public during one of the home games of Juventus at Olympic Park, I counted a total of 300 supporters, all faces I have known for the last 25 years.

"Not five per cent of them were under 50 years old. In ten years time these also will have gone.

"I therefore ask 'Where are we going?'

"Why have we lost these supporters?

"Have our leaders in Soccer who have voted over the last 20 years against most proposals which did not suit

their club, irrespective whether it was for the best interest of the game, ever tried to answer this question?

"We have not only lost the old supporters but we have not created new ones either!

"Why and why not?

"A major reason is that we do not keep either young players or supporters interest in Soccer for at least nine to 10 months of the year!

"We lose young players, we lose supporters because they find themselves another interest which they can enjoy the whole year through.

"The administration has not spent enough money on publicity and promotion in general.

"There has not been enough planning to create the greatest number of strong clubs, instead of favoring a small number of clubs.

"How can we change it?

"Go back to the VASFA years where Soccer was run and planned by people whose primary interest was Soccer and not their club.

"Change the constitution so that the Board is selected from people who have no club interest, the same as our President and Vice Presidents.

"People who are selected for their ability as organis-

ers and promoters and are not just selected because they happen to be the delegate of a leading club.

"I would like to hear whether there are clubs which are prepared to back me on this move," said Mr van Hoboken.

ENCORE, PAUL!



Paul Lewis (Green Gully) is the leading goalscorer in the Victorian State League this year with 31 goals to his credit. This is the second consecutive year that Paul has captured this accolade. Congratulations!

LOOKING for a former Irish youth international? Then why not contact Gerry Clarke, 23, who has just arrived in Melbourne. He has one ambition — to find a club.

Gerry has played for Middlesborough, Shamrock Rovers and Glenavon.

He was an Irish schoolboy international for two years before he became a professional.

And the man he has to thank for his success is former Manchester Un-

ited and Leeds star, Johnny Giles. It was midfielder Giles who gave Gerry his first big Soccer break when he introduced him to Shamrock Rovers at the beginning of his career.

Gerry can be contacted on (03) 336 3561.

DIAMOND Valley, a Victorian Metropolitan League club, have just won their first trophy, the Rosanna Cup, after 15 years in Soccer.

Now their coach, Joe Degura, has resigned.

MINI WORLD CUP

KNOX CITY are planning a end-of-the season mini World Cup according to clubman Tony Kennedy.

The series will involve 10 clubs representing different countries and will be played on World Cup lines.

The competition kicks-off on November 12.



WILLIE WINS GULLY AWARD

MIDFIELDER Willie Vassello has won Green Gully's best player award for 1983.

Runner-up is young defender David Hogben, 21.

David's father, Bill, who came to Australia from Romford, Essex, England, 30 years ago, is delighted with his son's success on the Soccer field.

Ever since he first kicked the round-ball, David's father has kept a scrap book of press cuttings of all his son's activities.

PENZO PEAKS

SANDRO Penzo, the former Juventus striker, top scored in the Sunbury Shield competition with three goals.

His team, Broadmeadows, won the tournament beating Keilor 1-0 in the final.

Sandro was the only player to score three goals in the seven matches which produced 19 goals.

Other leading scorers were:

George Watson (Broadmeadows), Con Kiss (Keilor), Con Lagas (Keilor), Don Tierney (Coburg).

They all scored two goals each.

This was the first time the Shield was played between four clubs — Sunbury, Coburg, Broadmeadows and Keilor.

Said Sunbury clubman, Les Smeadley: "We'll have the same format next year but we'll devote more time to promoting the series than we did this year.

"We are happy with the outcome as it was a free day for the clubs and spectators, financially it was a success."

A FOUR STAR INTERNATIONAL

CURRENT LEADERS of the Greek National Soccer League, Panathinaikos of Athens, have agreed to take part in a four team international tournament, to be staged in Australia next February reports CON NIKOLOPOULOS

Also interested are Red Star of Yugoslavia, Avalino or Verona from Italy and the State teams of Victoria and New South Wales will make the foursome.

According to my sources the tournament will be conducted on a round-robin basis with the State teams participating in the games in their respective states.

CON WINS JUNIOR MEDAL

CON KIAKOS, of South Oakleigh club, has won the 1983 Weinstein Medal for the Junior Soccer Player of the Year.

The award is made

every year to a player who is in his past year as an under 16 year old.

He also must have given consistent playing services to his club as a junior, showing enthusiasm, leadership and the potential to represent both his State and country and is willing to continue in the game.

Con joined South Oakleigh when he was 11, had one season with South Melbourne and returned to South Oakleigh. Now he is a regular player in the senior team.

He has represented Victoria in age groups under 13 through to under 16.

Con was a prominent member of the successful Victorian under 18 youth team who are the current Australian Youth Champions.

VSF secretary-manager, George Wallace, said: "It is indicative of the ability of Con in that he has also won a senior award by being voted the best and fairest player for 1983 in Division Three of the Metropolitan

League.

"It is without doubt that Con in the coming years will represent Victoria and Australia at senior level."

The Weinstein Medal, presented by Michael Weinstein, chairman of the VSF, carries with it a scholarship of \$100.

The presentation of the medal will be made before the kick-off of the Dockerty Cup final, at Olympic Park, Melbourne, on Sunday, October 30.



OTHER STATE REPORTS

JUVENTUS, RAPID IN GRAND FINAL

JUVENTUS-PIONEER beat Rapid-Wrest Point 4-1 in the second semi-final of Tasmania's Cadbury Top Four series to move into the grand final of the competition, reports VAN DIEMEN.

Strong winds marred the game and Rapid's chances weren't enhanced by a poor display in goal by Phil Kannegiesser and the dismissal of Nick Cook after 34 minutes.

Frank Genovesi put Juventus in front in the 3rd minute when his 20-metre dive slipped through Kannegiesser's arms but Thompson equalised for Rapid in the 36th minute.

A devastating two minute spell within eight minutes of the start of the second half saw Juventus establish a winning lead. First Broadhouse (51st), then Ward (53rd), added goals and by the time Broadhouse scored a fourth in the 70th minute, the contest was over.

In the preliminary final, Rapid showed no after effects from its loss to Juventus and trounced Olympia to gain a place in the grand final against the Italian side.

Olympia looked dangerous in the opening ten minutes but then disaster struck, in the same fashion as so often this season. Suicide may be a more apt description because it was central defender Michael Edwards who fired the ball into goal off a post, past his own bewildered goalkeeper.

Rapid, who struggled to find goals when it mattered this season, couldn't have wished for a better gift. Having been shown the way, reserve striker

Danny Donohue knocked in two more just for good measure and, despite Perry Forster's effort right on half time, Rapid ran out 3-1 winners.

■■■
IN THE Rothmans League Division I Cup Final, Howrah defeated Tarooma-St Mirren 3-0 after a scoreless first half.

Using the wind to good advantage in the second half, Howrah peppered the Tarooma goal with shots and after several attempts had hit the woodwork, Schueler finally found the net just on the hour.

Two more goals within three minutes of the first ensured that the cup would go across the Derwent River to Howrah. Dzelalija got the first of these with a 25-metre shot in the 61st minute and New the second, from the penalty spot, a minute later.

Tarooma thus lost its second successive cup final, having lost last year to University, who had a fine season this year in the Cadbury State League. Tarooma repeated its league form of last year, too, once again finishing in second place.

The Rothmans League Division I champion is Phoenix, who will replace the relegated White Eagles in the Cadbury League next season.



Peter Sherman

THE FORCE WITHIN

BY VAN DIEMEN

OLYMPIA's 21-year-old centre-forward, Peter Sherman, is a player

transformed. From a hot-headed fire-brand who would occasionally stand out in a game, he has become a major force within the team.

He has developed into an outstanding player. Cool under pressure, extremely skilful, willing to help out in defence when needed, and then, just as quickly, to rejoin the attack, Sherman has been one of the stars of the Olympia team and Tasmanian Soccer this

"I realize that in the past I was doing stupid things and nothing was

coming of it," says Sherman. "My Soccer was going downhill fast. Then Brian MacKay, my coach, got right behind me and I started to come good. I've got a great bunch of guys that I play with and I just play for the team now."

'Carry the team' might be a more accurate reply. When Olympia beat Juventus 1-0 earlier this season, Sherman seemed inspired. He was everywhere at once saving off his own goal line one minute, shooting for goal at the other end the next. It was his goal, from a free kick, that clinched the match. Ferocious free

kicks, from any range, have become Sherman's trademark. His free kicks are very powerful and very accurate. He scored from one yet again as his team beat Juventus 4-3 in the season's second last league match.

Sherman scored 20 goals as Olympia's top marksman last season. He has knocked in 14 league goals so far this season, a feat which ranks him fourth in the Cadbury State League goalscoring list. Olympia should be thankful to have such a player in its ranks!

YOUNG MULLEN LOOKS THE GOODS

BY TOM McKAIN



EVERY so often a youngster hits the scene to make the encouragement of local talent worthwhile.

One who appears to justify his backers' faith is Adelaide City striker Joe Mullen, the 19-year old former Youth Soccerero who dropped out of the Australian side with injury.

When he netted twice to beat Brisbane City, he walked away with the Man of the Match award run by the club.

While other players had have done the same, none has shown the goal instinct of Mullen, nor his obvious knack of being in the right place at the right time.

When he sunk Brisbane he rattled up 10 goals for the season, not bad for a late starter in a struggling team.

Signed from First Division club Para Hills at the start of the season, he battled to get a first team place.

Now there is talk that if he continues to develop physically he will be another Dixie Deans.

For one so short, compared for the majority of defenders, his timing to beat the "giants" is reminiscent of Deans.

One of his greatest attributes is to be always asking for the ball.

Whether it's a free kick, corner or pass from the wing, Mullen is in the box with his hands raised.

While team-mates may be backing up waiting on the clearance, Mullen runs between the defenders, forcing them to clear quickly, another play used by Deans.

His goal-hunger is also satisfied by his follow-up tactics.

He never shoots without charging after the ball to collect rebounds.

Mullen also roams across the forward line, and can cross the ball with the best of them.

But it is his goal-scoring feats which are beginning to excite Adelaide followers.

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MEN

THE NEW CALEDONIA SOUTH PACIFIC CUP — 18 to 25 OCTOBER, 1984.

This is the second year of this annual tournament to which teams from Australia, New Zealand and New Caledonia are invited. Package costs from Sydney \$560, Brisbane \$590. Direct flights from Melbourne to Noumea are expected to be operating in 1984 with costs only slightly higher than Sydney.

THE GARUDA CUP BALI — 1 to 14 NOVEMBER, 1984

Held for the first time in 1983 with 1 team from W.A., 1 from N.T. and 1 from Victoria against the 3 best district teams of Bali — Indonesia. Now an annual event with package costs from Sydney and Melbourne \$850, Darwin \$660 and Perth \$660. This package is for 2 weeks and includes 2 meals daily.

WOMEN

THE NEW CALEDONIA SOUTH PACIFIC CUP — 4 to 11 OCTOBER, 1984.

The third year of this tournament. In 1982 there was 1 team from N.S.W. In 1983, 3 from N.S.W. and 2 from Victoria. In its third year teams are expected from Australia, New Zealand and New Caledonia. Package costs from Sydney \$560, Brisbane \$590. Direct flights from Melbourne to Noumea are expected to be operating in 1984 with costs only slightly higher than Sydney.

THE FIJI CHALLENGE CUP — 12 to 19 OCTOBER, 1984.

This tournament is on the drawing board and will go ahead subject to sufficient interest. Further details on request.

U/13 & U/15 BOYS

THE NEW CALEDONIA SOUTH PACIFIC CUP — 11 to 18 OCTOBER, 1984.

The second year of the tournament. Teams are invited from Australia, New Zealand and New Caledonia. Suitable for Youth League teams, association rep teams or any other premier club or other sides. Package costs from Sydney \$560, Brisbane \$590. Direct flights from Melbourne to Noumea are expected to be operating by 1984 with costs only slightly higher than Sydney.

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Rapid star, Nick Cook, on the bench



'SERDERON' GOES NORTH

THANKS TO the sterling efforts of its president Bill Turner, the Northern NSW Schools Soccer Federation won first prize in the 1983 Serderon Awards.

A cheque for \$300 goes to the schools organisation with the compliments of Sydney polythene and carrier bag distributors Serderon Pty Ltd.

The Northern NSW Schools conduct the Bill Turner Cup, the U15s years competition open to all schools throughout the state.

In four years it has grown to draw 223 entries and its potential is far greater still.

This is the third year in which Serderon has sponsored the series. It is the first time the prize has gone outside Sydney.

The winner for the first two years was Chullora Wolves S.C. through the efforts of their publicist and coach Robert Wozniak.

Mr Steve Serda, managing director of Serderon, said: "Our plan is to encourage the general increasing of standards in publicising Soccer amongst the juniors and schools."

"At the same time we can make our company better known amongst the potential purchasers of our products."

"Personally I have again kept a close watch on the quality of stories and pictures in the junior columns of AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY. There has been a marked improvement this year."

"I would like to congratulate all the winners and look forward to further developments in 1984."

CDSFA SECOND

THIS year's second prize of \$200 was awarded to Canterbury & Districts Soccer Football Association, whose publicity officer Mrs Helen Saad did a remarkable job.

She specialised in pictures and stories of youngsters of the district, and followed up with topics such as representative teams, sports injuries and coaching together with promotional and administration matters.

Third prize of \$100 has been won by Robert Wozniak for Auburn Soccer Club. The cheque will provide something extra to-



wards the funds for the team of youngsters going to England for experience in January.

Auburn was only just edged out of second place.

Robert Wozniak concentrates on developing young players as a coach and the fruit of his labours will become more apparent in coming years.

The two consolation prizes of \$75 each went to Albury Wodonga Soccer Association junior fund

and to Across The Waves Soccer Club of Bundaberg, Queensland.

Our Albury correspondent Frank Finlay has a well-defined aim of taking Albury Wodonga up the ladder in Australian Soccer.

He draws on a vast experience as a one-time top player in Hungary and on his profession of journalism before his retirement.

Once again young player Andrew Stillman has done well. His parents leave him deliberately unaided in preparing his copy.

His intense love for the code shows through. His stories, to say the least, are excellent and are well-backed by pictures.

Just missing on a prize was Sutherland Shire SFA, whose publicity man Glen S. Robinson provided a number of stories and pictures of the highest quality and interest.

Amongst the many others who contributed so well were Bruce Rooke of Western NSW, and Chris James, the Blacktown SFA Director of Coaching.

Thanks to all who have gained publicity for their organisations and have helped ASW junior pages to mirror junior Soccer and its progress so faithfully throughout the year.



JUST' REF

A 15-YEAR-OLD Albury referee, Justin Randall, was presented with a trophy by the chairman of the Examining Board of the State Referees' Association, Mr Robert George reports FRANK FINLAY.

Justin received it at the Champion of Champions game held at the Hots-purs' Oval on September 18.

Justin, who has played Soccer since 1976, was the youngest junior referee to conduct a match in the State U/13 and U/14 games, held in Sydney.

Out of 13 junior referees, from all over the state, young Justin finished third with 91.9 points for his ability to referee championship matches.

He said the players and spectators "gave me no trouble, but, the fast games played here kept me on my toes".

For several years he was a linesman assisting his father, Mike Randall, who is the vice-president of the Albury-Wodonga Referees' Association. Mike has been on the committee for several years.

Justin was nominated to attend the junior championships by the local Referees' Association, at the request of the State Referees' Association.

He joined the AWRA last year and began to

referee on a regular basis this year.

At his age he prefers to play Soccer for the Twin City Wanderers, to refereeing.



Above: u12, div 3, major-minor premiers. Back: Joe Romeo, Frank Cimino, Scott Johnson, Mark Maryska, Jason Palmer, Joe Picello, Lee

Woodward. Front: Benny Masters, Sean Lennon, Marizio Grandinetti, Jason Ashby and Tony Picello. Pictured right: u12, div 5. Back: John

Cale, Milan Mijakovac, Teresa Picello (the lass who played in both the girls and boys teams with a massive 35 outings to her credit), Carlo



Cimino, Steven Chapman. Front: George Gorrow, Ross Dunstan, Maric Roperti, Jason Butcher, Robert Jazic. Absent, Lachlan Menzies and Wayne Poulter

IT'S SIDE BY SIDE, AND PROUD OF IT!

THE LITTLE Soccer Club known as Long Reef United is probably unique in Australian Soccer, as it was formed as a ladies Soccer club, and then it decided to run boys teams. Ever heard of that before.

Club secretary Jim Delaney takes up the story:

We believe that we may be the only boys Soccer club that had its origins beginning from within a ladies Soccer club.

Our club was formed in 1981 purely as a ladies Soccer club under the name of Dee Why United. Again in 1982 the club remained a ladies club.

With the beginning of the 1983 season pressure from brothers and friends of our girls teams resulted in the formation of our two U12 boys teams.

As there were two clubs using the name "Dee Why" — (Dee Why United and Dee Why S.C.) — we elected to change our name to Long Reef United.

The club is still primarily a ladies club (four teams) with our two boys sides bringing our total number of teams to six.

Next season we envisage having four ladies teams and four junior boys sides.

Usually girls teams are formed through existing boys clubs, or if they start out purely as a ladies club they stay that way.

This is probably the first time that the reverse has happened.

Our two boys teams carried on with the outstanding tradition that our girls teams have quickly established.

Our U12A boys team were major-minor premiers of the Manly-Warringah division three competition.

The U12B boys team finished third (one point behind the leaders) and were narrowly beaten 0-1 in their final.

The girls teams finished with 2 premier-ships and one runners-up.

So from 6 teams we won three competitions outright, one runners up, and one third (who were also finalists).

The club entered its six teams in five competitions. We were finalists in four of these five competitions.

TOUGH COOKIES



IT WAS Minto District Soccer Club's first year with an U10 girls team and they came out minor premiers and premiers, scoring 66 goals and conceding five. In Macarthur

District SFA they won the Champion of Champions Shield. To top that off, the girls defeated the Minto boys Soccer teams! L to R: Donna Earnshaw, Raelene Jones, Kerry

Jones, Rhonda Boxsell, manager Marie Earnshaw, coach Greg Earnshaw. Front: Tracee Bennett, Teena Christian, Kylie Hughes, Kylie Feltham.

55 DEBUT

St Spyridon, U/7, with coach Con Pavlou, manager Luke Kypreos. The U/7 playing for the first year had some very good results scoring 55 goals for the season.



BIG TONY

TONY Ratcliffe is the 'Godfather' of Soccer in the Albury-Wodonga growth complex and in the Riverina Soccer district.

He is a successful businessman, and a well respected alderman of the Albury City Council, on which he had served for several years.

In 1973 he got together with his mates and formed the Albury-Wodonga Soccer Association, of which he is a life member.

In business he grew from a 'garage-workshop' to an indus-



try, with a yearly turnover of \$27,000 rising to over \$4 million 10 years later. Tony is the managing director of Attack Sports, producing sporting goods, especially for Soccer. He employs 140 people in Albury and Benalla in Victoria.

Whatever he has achieved in both Soccer and in business, his wife Jill, has played an important and major role.

He is to the point and logical.

He is always ready to help struggling Soccer clubs financially, without expecting kudos for his actions.

He came to Australia in 1968. He was born in Manchester in 1937, and barracks for Manchester United.

In 1969 he became the secretary of the Earlwood Wanderers Soccer Club in the Canterbury district in Sydney. In 1973 he came to Albury.

During the past 10 years he became a life member of the Albury Hotspurs Soccer Club, and the Riverina Branch of the N.S.W. Amateur Soccer Federation.

Now he is a sponsor of the Albury Border Soccer Club and a member of the management committee.

He told me that the Border Soccer Club, the future hub of the Riverina Soccer district, badly needs the support of Soccer clubs both sides of the border.

"Without their support we will only be a sitting duck," he said.



MORE SAINTS

The St. Spyridon 14A Soccer team is in its fourth season as a unit and represented the Southern & Eastern Association in this year's 'Champion of Champions' competition.

The team has progressed with distinction from 2nd last, to 2nd, to champions and to

champions again this year.

This team which has basically retained the same players, does not boast players of outstanding skills, but does display exceptional qualities of character, discipline, behaviour, teamwork and friendship.

Back: P. Koutsouralis, J. Pearos, T. Koutsouridis, G. Koukounaris, D. Askounis, A. Kollias, G. Tsoukalas, A. Koukos, G. Cardarmis, H. Efstratiadis (Coach). Front: G. Shukri, N. Hairis, P. Drinias, S. Pourniotis, N. Stathos (Capt), G. Raptis, W. Burkett, S. Lambrinos.

RHETT AND DAVID BOOST BROKEN HILL

IN a great breakthrough for Broken Hill Soccer, two under 15 players will be given the chance to impress at leading National Soccer League club St George.

The players are Rhett Bosnich and David Bearman.

They will receive scholarships with Pacific Soccer camps. Following that they will train with the first and under 19 teams in December, and then with the under 19 and 16 teams in January.

Whilst in Sydney they will receive help from the Saints coaching staff including Frank Arok and Hadley.

Richard Alagich, himself a product of Broken Hill, said that this was an exciting venture for Broken Hill youth and it showed that there was something ahead for players from the Far West.

It was the early Yugoslav miners who did much to establish Broken Hill Soccer.

It is fitting that Broken Hill Soccer receives this recognition, which must add to the standard of play by providing an incentive for its players, in the Centenary Year of the City of Broken Hill.



Pictured above (standing): Richard Alagich (Director, Pacific Soccer Camps), Frank Arok (St George Manager/Coach) and Howard Hadley (St George Youth Coach). Seated: David Bearman (15 yrs) and Rhett Bosnich (15 yrs).

AUBURN BOYS



HARRY WOZNIAK

CLUBS: Chullora Wolves.

POSITION: Goalkeeper.

PLAYING RECORD: Chullora Wolves — Premiers 5 years — State 2 years Bankstown Reps — 3rd Metrop — 2nd State.

AMBITION: To keep playing Soccer — Auburn 1sts.

TOUR: Meeting 1st Division players.

ENJOYMENT: Playing the game.

STRENGTH: Getting up for the ball.

WEAKNESS: Running at players.

AUSTRALIAN FAVOURITE: Rod Brown.

OVERSEAS FAVOURITE: Pat Jennings.

OTHER SPORTS: Swimming.

COACH'S COMMENTS: Harry, my nephew, is an honest trier who kept well for us over a number of years. A good trainer who will go places.

GABRIEL BRUNO

CLUBS: Fairfield Athletic.

POSITION: Ring Wing, Right Half.

PLAYING RECORD: Fairfield — runners up.

AMBITION: To become a professional player.

TOUR: Going to a new country and meeting people.

ENJOYMENT: Playing the game.

STRENGTH: Dribbling the ball.

WEAKNESS: Passing.

AUSTRALIAN FAVOURITE: Tony Dakos.

OVERSEAS FAVOURITE: Steve Archibald.

INTEREST: Collecting coins.

COACH'S COMMENTS: A hard running player with some South American flair, turns and goes forward well.



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UNDER 9
Granville 2, Sutherland 0, Gladesville 1, Macarthur 0, Bankstown 1, Blacktown 0.

UNDER 10
Granville 1, Sthn District 0, Sutherland 6, Manly 0, Macarthur 3, Blacktown 0, Canterbury bye.

UNDER 11
Sutherland 2, Granville 1, St George 6, Kur-ring-gai 0, Bankstown 3, Blacktown 3, Gladesville bye

UNDER 12
Granville 1, Sutherland 0, Gladesville 5, St George 2, Blacktown 1, Sth West Slopes 0, Macarthur bye

UNDER 13
Granville 1, Griffith 0, Illawarra 2, Mitchell 1, Canterbury 6, Sth & Eastern 0, Gladesville bye

UNDER 14
Granville 4, Sutherland 2, Illawarra 6, Manly 1, Bankstown 1, Canterbury 1, Blacktown bye

UNDER 15
Granville 1, Sthn District 0, Illawarra 2, Gladesville 1, Blacktown 3, Bankstown 0, St George 5.

UNDER 16
Granville 3, Sth District 1, Gladesville 5, Macarthur 3, Bankstown 2, Kur-ring-gai 1, Sth & Eastern bye

UNDER 17
Granville 5, Sth Dist 1, Gladesville 3, Illawarra 2, Canterbury bye

UNDER 18
Sutherland 5, Granville 0, Blacktown 1, Canterbury 1, Manly bye

UNDER 21
Manly 3, Granville 2, Blacktown 3, Canterbury 2, Sutherland bye

ALL AGE
Gladesville 3, Granville 2, Sutherland 3, Manly 1, Ku-ring-gai 1, Blacktown 0, Bankstown bye.

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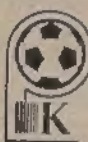
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The NSWASF invites applications for the positions of honorary coaches for the Under 14s & 15s State teams for 1984.

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MORE MAGPIES!



BACK: David Smart (MGR), Michael Graham, David Scott, Nick Plataniotis, Jason Smart, Peter Kovacsics, Robert Grubba, Bernie Duval (coach). **FRONT:** Phillip Cook, David Alterton, Ian Bohlson, Mark Harrigan, David Bolt, John Jones, Paul Riley.

THE Granville U14 Youth squad team are pictured with the State Champion Trophy, won last year as U13 after being runners up in the Metropolitan championship.

The 1983 season got off to a slow start with some early sickness and injuries. In addition six of the team were involved in State Trials which was drawn out over three months.

During the second half of the Metropolitan season the team played with

rhythm and skill, but the nine team format did not allow them to recover from the early losses.

Overall the team gained 25 points. (15 in the second half) from 18 games scored 47 goals and conceded 17 (six in the second half).

The team finished third in their division of the Metropolitan Championships and then went on to win the Polonia Cup beating teams like St. George, Canterbury-Marrickville and Marconi on the way.

Except for Manly, with a drawn game, every team in their competition was beaten at some time during the season.

There is plenty of experience and ability with nine of the team having played over 50 representative games for Granville. The top scorers over two seasons are Peter Kovacsics (62) and Michael Graham (49). The defensive record is excellent with only 37 goals conceded in 46 games played in two years.

CANTERBURY and District S.F.A.'s under 12 years representative team has players from 10 different suburbs within the area.

They combine to make a determined and talented team.

Their personalities and backgrounds are as diverse as their suburbs, but their goal is the same — to make it into the C.D.S.F.A. Youth League team and from there progress to "big time" soccer.

It was a tough under 12 competition this year, but the boys, coached by Steve Kiproff and managed by Michael Panzarino, came within two points of finishing third in the Metropolitan point score.

They are already working to improve their soccer skills in preparation for the 1984 soccer season.

The players in the team

ONE GOAL



are B. Pavlidis, C. Zabala, T. Hijazi, S. Tsoutsouras, J. Cosentino, S. Jee, T.

Poulos, J. Serratore, A. Catania, D. Prosser, I. Thomas, P. Tassis, B.

Fotopoulos and S. Pantouris.

— Helen Saad

REDFERN RAIDERS



REDFERN Raiders Soccer Club, in its second year of existence won the minor premiership and the grand final in the Southern & Eastern S.F.A. Second Division.

After winning promotion from third division, the club won the admiration and respect from clubs, officials and supporters alike.

Under the astute guidance of coach Peter Tsiourvas and the support of sponsor Pacific Meats, the team went on to lose only three games all season.

With the imminent increase to two senior teams, the club is certainly looking to bigger and better things. They are: Back: P. Tsiourvas (coach), C. Magiropoulos, M. Pascale, J. Tsiourvas, T. Togiass, E. Mazzola, D. Calabro, G. Togiass, S. Rougelis (physiotherapist). Middle: W. Holzer, C. Zoumas, G. Xanthos, P. Savas (capt), P. English, F. Romeo. Front: T. Frantzis, N.S. Salih, L. Najdzion and mascot Viki and ballboy Steven. Absent: S. Nikolopoulos, J. Pelekanos.

PUBLIC SERVICE

THREE divisions went to extra time in an excellent grand final series of the Public Service competitions played at lunch hour in the Sydney Domain.

The organisation was a great credit to secretary Mick Mikolajczyk and his committee.

No less than 34 teams competed, as against 19 involved in Rugby League.

Results were: Div 1: Water Board 1, S.C.C. (A) 0. Div 2: Government Printer 0, Public Works 0 after extra time. Govt Printer wins as premiers.

Div 3: S.C.C. (B) 2, Auditor General 0. Div 4: State Bank 2, NSW Housing 1 after extra time. Div 5: D.I.R. 2, Defence 1 after extra time.

WELL DONE, EARL



THIS happy bunch of boys don't believe in giving up.

For three years they have played together as a team, trying hard to win their competition, and this year they did it!

Just when most people thought they probably wouldn't be able to hold Apia's strong attacking forwards.

The players C Bethavass, J. Athoussakis, A. Searby, L. Mauceri, A. Lawther, M. Elks, L. Panzarino, A. Cooney, S. Nicholas, D. Cremin, S. Scotti, B. Rule and P. Chris make up Earlwood's under 8 years division 1 team which plays in the Canterbury and District Soccer Association's competition.

During the season Earlwood played Apia twice but lost 1-0 and 2-0 to them. At full-time in the Grand Final the score was 0-0. Earlwood scored the only goal of the game two minutes after the start of extra time.

Helen Saad

CHAMPION FINALS

THREE grounds will be used to stage the 1983 finals of the NSW Champion of Champions series.

The games will be staged on Sunday, October 23. They are: GOLDEN JUBILEE OVAL, Westbrook Ave, Wahroonga. U8, 9.30am. U11, 11am. U12, 12.30pm. U14, 2pm.

BATES DRIVE, BATES DRIVE KAREELA. U9, 9.30am. U11, 11am. U13, 12.30pm. U15, 2pm.

SEYMOUR SHAW PARK, MIRANDA. U16, 11.30. U17, 1.30pm. U18, 3.30pm. U21, 5.30pm. All age, 7.30pm.

The NSW Amateur Federation representatives are Messrs Rod Woods, Frank Broughton and Harrie Denning respectively.

NEPEAN CHAMPS

PENRITH RSL won the Ian Hunter Citicorp Cup for U11 teams with a 7-0 win over Blaxland. David Seal scored 6 and brother Michael the other one.

The U12 went to St Marys Soccer Club, who defeated St Josephs 2-1.

Dominic Rabsch won the Player of the Series award in this grade.

FAIRFIELD DOUBLE



Fairfield Athletic U12 Champions: Luis Robaina (coach), Ricardo Benzo, Ruben Orellana, Oscar Padilla, Carlos Pintos, Andres Bella, Antonio Lopez, Gabriel Diaz, Miguel Marquez (manager). Front: Claudio Veron, Miguel Marquez, Sebastian Jacobson, Martin Minuielle, Raul Diaz, Juan Pereyra.

FAIRFIELD Athletic U-10 Champions: Pedro Castillon (coach), Rodrigo Rodriguez Golerio, Manuel Bello, Ronald, Roberto Burga, Gerard Schultz, Marcelo Castillon, Cono Guerrero, Fernando Diaz, Gustavo Castillon, Marcelo Guerrero, Fabian Mateo, Claudio Mendoza and Roberto Burga.



FLAMING FLAMENGO!

FLAMENGO, the outstanding Brazilian team, has been in all sorts of bother since selling the brilliant Zico to Italy's Udinese.

The club president resigned and chief coach Carlos Alberto Torres was fired. The coach submitted a list of players he wanted to sign, using the money paid for Zico, but he was told no players were available because Brazilian teams would not sell their stars to Flamengo.

In far-off Italy, Zico has been talking about Flamengo's problems. Zico said Carlos Alberto was blameless for Flamengo's failings but was made the scapegoat.

Jose Roberto Francalacci took over as caretaker coach while Flamengo con-

tacted big name coaches like Evaristo, Nelsinho and Didi.

The players are feeling the pinch by not getting win bonuses while the team struggles.

A painted tortoise shell, bearing the club logo, which was given to the former coach as a good luck token, has been thrown out because all it brought was bad luck!

Helal was voted in as new president amid celebrations for the National Day of Brazil. Those celebrations ended abruptly with the next match results: Bangu 6 Flamengo 2.

CABANAS VOTED YANKEE 'MVP'

ROBERTO CABANAS, Cosmos' prolific scoring forward, has been crowned "M.V.P" in the North American Soccer League.

If you don't know what that means, it's the most valuable player in the whole competition.

Cabanas scored 25 goals and had 16 assists and was rated the main reason for the New York team finishing on top of the points table in the normal season.

It was the sixth year in succession Cosmos ended up with the most number of NASL points.

The decision was made on the votes of the players in a poll organised by The Sporting News.

Paraguayan Cabanas has scored 52 goals in four years in the NASL.

Still only 22, Cabanas is now being tipped as the first world class player to be developed in the United States.

Doesn't Paraguay get any credit?



Cerezo

OVERSEAS RESULTS

SPAIN				CSU Galati v A TG Mures				G'maraes			
Valencia v Espanol	4:0			1:0				4	1	1	9
Sociedad v Malaga	0:2			1:0				Sporting	4	1	1
Cadiz v Betis	0:0			0:0				P'nense	4	1	1
Zaragoza v Re Madrid	3:1			4:2							9
Salamanca v V'dolid	2:2			1:0							9
Barcelona v Gijon	4:0			1:2							
At Madrid v Murcia	1:1										
Seville v Bilbao	4:1										
Osasuna v Mallorca	4:0										
W D L F A P				ITALY				FRANCE			
At Madrid	4	2	0	13	5	10		Auxerre v Rennes	1:0		
Barcelona	4	1	1	14	4	9		Brest v Bordeaux	0:0		
Valencia	4	1	1	13	6	9		Laval v Toulouse	1:0		
Malaga	4	1	1	14	8	9		Lens v Nancy	3:1		
Sevilla	3	1	2	12	6	7		Metz v Bastia	1:0		
GREECE				PORTUGAL				AUSTRIA			
Ethnikos v Aris	2:2			Benfica v Porto	1:0			Voest v Linz	0:0		
Ap K'rias v O'pikos	2:2			G'maraes v Sporting	2:1			Salzburg v Fav AC	4:0		
Aek v P'nikos	4:1			Boavista v Rio Ave	1:0			Innsbruck v E'stadt	2:0		
Egaleo v Y'nnina	1:0			Farense v Braga	1:1			Aus Wien v Gak	8:3		
Doxa v Larisa	4:0			Varzim v Estoril	1:0			St Graz v Ad Wacker	0:0		
Trakia v P'nikos	3:1			S'gueiros v Setubal	3:3			Neusiedl v Rap Wien	2:4		
P'nikos v Ap Athens	2:1			Espinho v P'monense	0:1			St Veit v Lask	0:0		
Paok v Ofi	1:0			Penafiel v Agueda	1:0			Sportclub v K'furt	1:1		
W D L F A P				ROMANIA				W D L F A P			
P'nikos	5	1	0	12	3	11		Aus Wien	6	2	0
Iraklis	5	0	1	12	3	10		St Graz	5	2	1
Paok	4	1	0	9	2	9		Rap Wien	4	4	0
Aris	3	2	1	10	8	8		Lask	4	3	1
Aek	3	1	2	12	5	7		Salzburg	4	1	3
W D L F A P				STADIUM				W D L F A P			
Stu B'rest v Ar Pitesti	2:1			Benfica	5	1	0				
St B'rest v Becau	4:0			Porto	5	0	1				
CRM V'loca v Co H'doara	2:1										

FORM LOSS GOES WITH PATRIOTISM

CARLOS ALBERTO PARREIRA, Brazil's national coach, believes several top players find it impossible to reproduce club form when they represent their country.

His theory is that players get accustomed to one style of play with their clubs and, in the short time they are training with the national squad, they cannot adapt to the coach's style. Also, emotional strains handicap

even the best of players when they wear Brazil's jersey.

"In modern football, teams cannot rely on a midfielder being the play-maker because space is wasted," said Parreira.

The critics now ask-

...what would great Brazilian midfielders of past years think about that theory?

WALTER Olivera, full-back of Uruguay's Penarol, has been bought by Sao Paulo FC.

OVER SEAS



'NO SALE'

ATLETICO MINEIRO is using the proceeds from the sale of Toninho Cereza to develop several minor league teams.

Cereza was transferred to AS Roma but the cash paid for him could not be used to buy another "name" player because there are NO SALE signs posted at most Brazilian clubs.

WITH Italy now "home" for so many outstanding South America players, it's not surprising that TV channels are desperate to get television coverage of matches played in Italy.

A deal has been made between Globo and RAI to show the best Italian games in Brazil — particularly those which feature great players like Zico and Falcão.

BRAZIL IS ARAB MECCA

YET another top Brazilian coach has decided to join the Arabs. Head coach of Fluminense, Claudio Garcia has accepted an offer of a big down payment, plus \$5,000 a month salary, plus fringe benefits.

There is no doubt that several Middle East nations regard Brazil as the coaching mecca and will rely heavily on Brazilian know-how to help them qualify for the 1986 World Cup in Mexico.

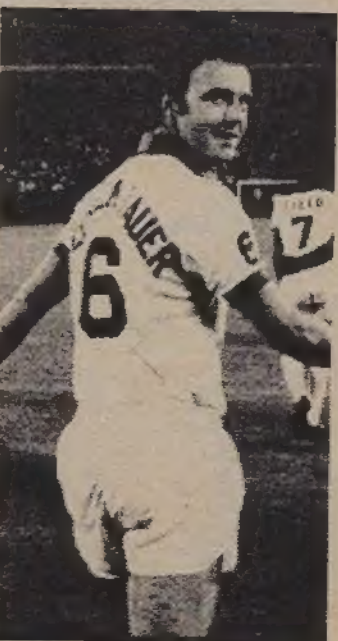
And why not? The Brazilians have an excellent track record handling Arab teams... even if living conditions are sometimes dull and boring.

SHOCK FOR COSMOS

NORTH AMERICA'S greatest club team, Cosmos of New York, were eliminated in the opening round of the NASL play-offs... although they finished in top place in the overall points standings during the normal season.

Though Cosmos were shocked at being eliminated, they still had four of their players selected for the League's all-star team.

The four were Roberto Cabanas, top goalscorer in the League, Vladislav Bogicevic, the elegant midfielder, and two defensive players, Franz Beckenbauer and Andranik Eskandarian.



Franz Beckenbauer.

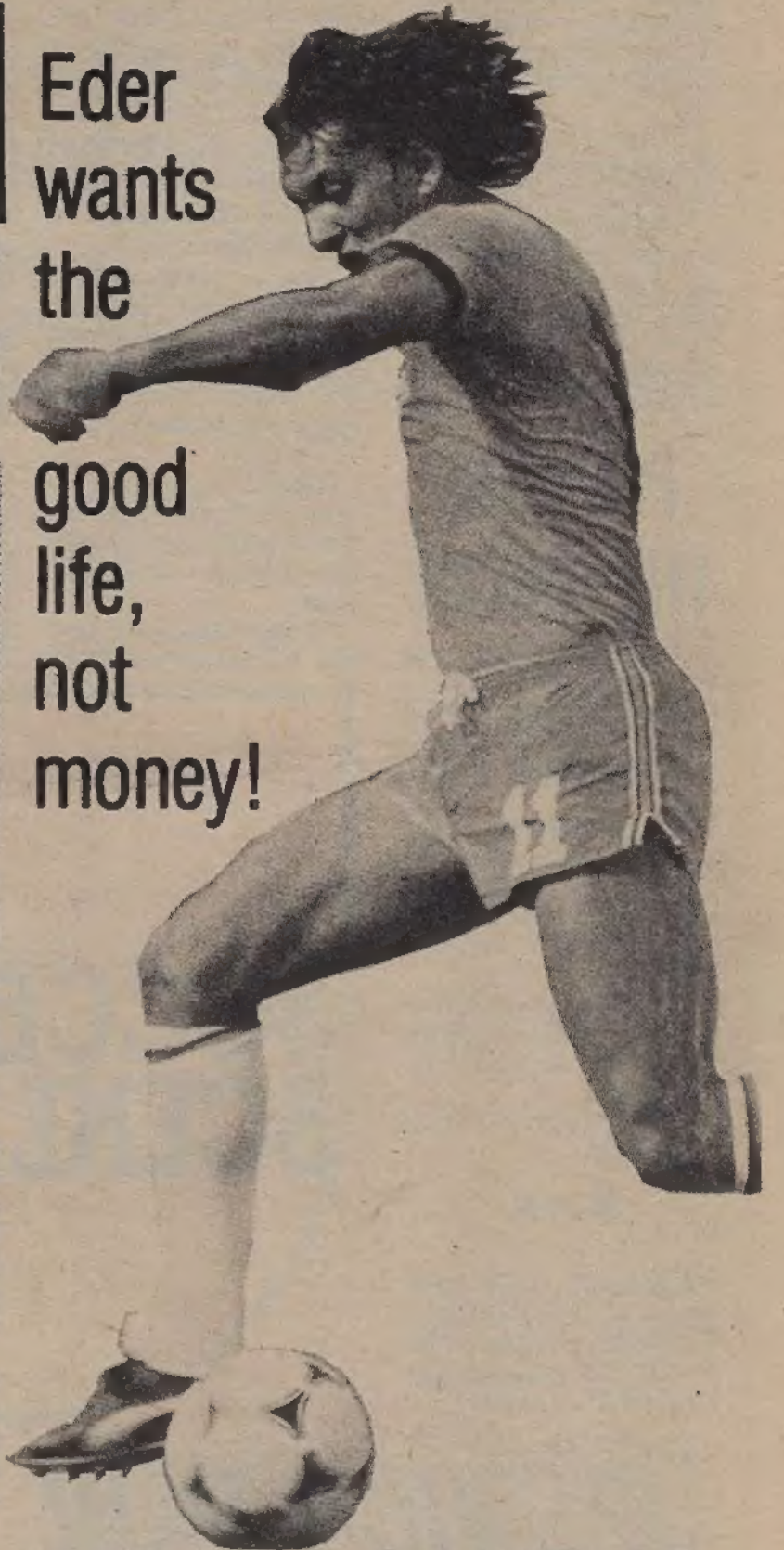
BIG MONEY, NO FUN! 'NOT FOR ME': EDER

THAT MAGNIFICENT winger from Brazil, Eder, turned down the chance to make millions of dollars when he refused to join an Arabian team Hamjn.

Eder is a man who really enjoys the good life. But when he was warned that it was impossible to pursue the fun life in a Moslem country, he decided: "That's not for me!"

It's possible, though, that he will still leave Brazil. Top European clubs who would love to have him in their line-ups include AS Roma, Sporting Lisbon, Barcelona, AC Milan and Atletico Madrid — who made a firm offer of \$4,500,000 for the much-wanted Eder.

Eder wants the good life, not money!



HUNGARIAN SCANDAL

HUNGARIAN football used to be the admiration of the whole world — but, following the recent bribery scandal, it has hit rock bottom in most people's estimation.

The country was rocked when heavy jail sentences and fines were passed on the guilty men.

Budapest High Court named Jozef Farago as the ringleader in the fixing of matches and he was sentenced to six years in prison. He has also been ordered to repay \$250,000 to the national Pools company.

The gang of match-fixers used bribery to arrange the results of 66 matches, and on one particularly black day, June 27 this year, they fixed nine out of the 14 games played.

Four major accomplices were also hit heavily with jail terms and fines to keep Farago company!

It is claimed that three quarters of a million dollars found its way into the match-fixers' pockets

from fixed matches.

Suspensions have been slapped on 260 players and 14 referees.

And that's not the end of the story. Another court case is now in progress involving another gang and this could produce similar punishments, if charges are proved.

ARGENTINA'S international goalkeeper, Fillol, is on the shopping list of Brazil's Flamengo. Fillol's club Argentino Juniors has had a transfer offer of \$230,000 from Flamengo.

NJEGO PESA and Ron Futch scored the second half goals which gave Tulsa Roughnecks their 2 - 0 Soccer Bowl win against Toronto Blizzard.

The big match was played in Vancouver and pulled in a good crowd of

53,000, most of whom were cheering for Toronto.

But the Canadian team was always second best, even though Italian idol Roberto Bettga did his best to inspire them.

FURTHER evidence of Africa's Soccer progress was seen in the Merdeka Cup played in Malaysia when Algeria made the final. Although beaten 2 - 1 by a Buenos Aires selection, the Algerians actually led 1 - 0 and, in the closing stages, it was the Argentinians who held on desperately to keep in front.

Performances in the Merdeka by Algeria and Ghana did not surprise critics who praised African teams in last year's World Cup in Spain.

LIKE ALICE IN WONDERLAND!

WHEN Crystal Palace boss Alan Mullery threatened to fine every player in his team after a particularly bad match, it did not make Mullery popular with the players' union.

Gordon Taylor, secretary of the Professional Footballers' Association, described the threat as "Alice in Wonderland stuff."

Mullery had said he was disgusted with his players' lack of effort and their attitude after fourth division Peterborough put Palace out of the Milk Cup.

"I want to hurt the players because they hurt me," said Mullery.

Gordon Taylor said: "It annoys me when players are accused of not trying. This is a worrying sign of the times — showing how desperate clubs are for success. People in the

game are not prepared to accept defeat. "No player means to

play badly... after all, they get cash incentives to win."

NOT AN IRISH JOKE

MALCOLM ALLISON has always been regarded as rather a wild man but when it comes to handling his players at Middlesbrough, Allison doesn't stand for any nonsense.

After a match against Coventry City, Northern Ireland international winger Terry Cochrane was fined two weeks wages and was told to find a new club!

Allison accused Cochrane of "making an obscene gesture" to a Coventry player during the game.

"I won't stand for that sort of behaviour from



Malcolm Allison

anyone at the club," said the Boro boss.

"We have to present a good image to the public and cannot afford to set a bad example," said Allison.

Cochrane has been five years with Middlesbrough after being transferred from Burnley for \$400,000. He starred in the Irish international team which toured Australia a few years ago.

PAIN IN THE NECK!

FORTUNATELY, the fears that Nottingham Forest winger Colin Walsh had broken his neck have proved groundless.

Walsh appeared to be seriously hurt when he headed the goal which gave him a hat trick in Forest's 3-2 win at Norwich.

After being kept in hospital for observation, Walsh was allowed to return home.

The diagnosis was "bruising."

SWANSEA CITY have agreed to Leicester City's \$100,000 transfer offer for English international forward Bob Latchford.

IPSWICH PAIR UNDER FIRE

IPSWICH TOWN'S centre-back pair, Russell Osman and Terry Butcher, were criticised heavily for their performance in the England v Denmark match at Wembley.

They were accused of not being England class.

A few days later, when Ipswich lost 4-3 at home to West Brom, Osman and Butcher were again struggling and were rated "not first division class."

A report in the "Sunday People" said: "Butcher and Osman were merely embarrassed by the Danes. But against Regis and Thompson, they were completely out of their depth."



Terry Butcher



Russell Osman



Bobby Moore

BOBBY'S JOB IS FIXED

IT seemed strange when Southend United, not one of England's glamour clubs, turned down Bobby Moore when he applied for the job of team manager.

Moore, though, did finally wind up at Southend. He is now Southend United's chief executive.

In that position, the captain of England's 1966 successful World Cup team should be a big bonus for a small club.

NOT ONE PELE IN SIGHT

WHEN Viv Anderson of Nottingham Forest was picked for England five years ago, he was the first black man to wear the English jersey.

It was predicted that a "black explosion" would be certain within a few years. It hasn't happened.

In those five years, only

Peter Shilton (left) and Viv Anderson (centre) keep the England scoresheet clean against Sweden.

ANDIA



eight black players have been selected for England in full international matches. Two, Anderson and Danny Thomas, are full-backs and the rest are all forwards.

Not one of these players

has done well enough to count himself an automatic choice for the national squad.

This is particularly disappointing for the optimists who visualised future England teams being fil-

led with home-bred Pele-type wizards.

Incidentally, West Brom's Cyrille Regis has been rated the greatest black player in Britain... but he's only had four international games.

BOBBY'S HAIR ISN'T WHITE — NOT YET!

BOBBY ROBSON is still coping plenty of abuse after England's huge flop at Wembley against Denmark but he is standing up to the pressure well.

The English team manager said: "My hair has gone grey since I took over this job but it can go white so long as I can build a successful English team."

"I took over for five years and I intend to see the contract through."

It's not only the fans who are abusing Robson. In a London newspaper, Malcolm Allison stated that Robson was the wrong man for the job.

Allison says he cannot understand why Glenn Hoddle and Kevin Keegan are not in the English team. "Hoddle is the sort of player you build your side around. He excites people — even the players in his team," said Allison.

Interesting to note that Allison believes one of England's greatest blunders was allowing Youth team coach John Cartwright to move to

Kuwait.

"Cartwright was the best youth team boss in the world — and everyone at the Football Association knew it. But he had to go and work in Kuwait because the F.A. wouldn't pay him a decent wage," said Big Mal.

John Cartwright brought England's youth squad to Australia for the 1981 world championship and made a tremendous impression on everyone.

STOUT WORK PAID OFF

MOST athletes are warned off the devil drink — but not Manchester United's star midfielder Bryan Robson.

He was actually ordered to sink a bottle of Guinness every night when he was only 15!

It was part of the treatment devised by his club, West Brom, to try and build up the boy's frail frame.

The young Robson also had a sherry, eggs and milk breakfast in those days. His club recognised Robson's great ability but, as he was still less than 5 ft tall, West Brom feared he would never make the grade physically.

Obviously the treatment worked. Robson is now rated England's greatest footballer and fetched a British record transfer fee of \$3,000,000 when he moved to Old Trafford.

HOWARD KENDALL, Everton's team boss, is refusing to attend after-match press conferences, because he's fallen out with the Liverpool-based football writers.

The papers have reminded Kendall that Soccer in England could be dying on its feet... and desperately needs publicity.

UK SOCCER TABLES

ENGLISH DIVISION 1: No matches scheduled because of England's European championship match in Hungary on Wednesday.

ENGLISH DIVISION 2: Brighton 0 Portsmouth 1, Cambridge 1 Crystal Palace 3, Cardiff 2 Carlisle 0, Derby 0 Barnsley 2, Fulham 3 Chelsea 5, Huddersfield 0 Grimsby 0, Manchester City 2 Swansea 1, Middlesbrough 1 Blackburn 2, Newcastle 2 Charlton 1, Sheffield Wednesday 3 Leeds 1, Shrewsbury 2 Oldham 0.

ENGLISH DIVISION 3: Bournemouth 2 Plymouth 1, Bradford 2 Scunthorpe 2, Exeter 2 Bolton 2, Gillingham 2 Preston 0, Hull 4 Sheffield United 1, Newport 0 Orient 0, Oxford Utd 2 Brentford 1, Port Vale v Southend (postponed), Rotherham 0 Walsall 1, Wigan 2 Lincoln 0, Wimbledon 1 Bristol Rovers 1. (Millwall v Burnley played on Sunday).

ENGLISH DIVISION 4: Aldershot 1 Tranmere 1, Blackpool 0 Rochdale 2, Bristol City 3 Halifax 0, Bury 2 Mansfield 2, Chesterfield 2 Stockport 0, Crewe 2 Swindon 0, Darlington 2 Chester 1, Peterborough 1 Doncaster 1, Torquay 0 Hartlepool 0, Wrexham 0 Hereford 0, York 3 Colchester 0.

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION: Aberdeen 5 St

Mirren 0, Dundee United 2 Celtic 1, Hearts 0 Motherwell 0, Rangers 1 Hibernian 0, St Johnstone 0 Dundee 2.

SCOTTISH DIVISION 1: Alloa 1 Airdrieonians 0, Clydebank 4 Ayr 1, Falkirk 2 Meadowbank 1, Kilmarnock 4 Brechin 1, Morton 2 Dumbarton 2, Partick 0 Hamilton 0, Raith 2 Clyde 1.

SCOTTISH DIVISION 2: Cowdenbeath 0 Queen of South 0, East Stirling 1 Montrose 3, Forfar 3 East Fife 1, Queens Park 1 Albion 1, Stenhousemuir 0 Arbroath 0, Stirling 0 Berwick 2, Stranraer 1 Dunfermline 1.

ENGLISH DIV FOUR

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
York	9	6	6	20	15	20
Bristol City	9	6	6	21	16	19
Bury	9	6	6	11	15	15
Colchester	9	6	6	9	8	15
Hereford	9	6	6	18	18	14
Peterborough	9	6	6	17	13	14
Doncaster	9	6	6	17	13	14
Chesterfield	9	6	6	14	11	13
Wrexham	9	6	6	14	11	13
Tranmere	9	6	6	12	7	13
Rochdale	9	6	6	12	16	13
Crewe	9	6	6	10	7	12
Northampton	9	6	6	10	14	12
Aldershot	9	6	6	10	14	12
Blackpool	9	6	6	9	11	11
Swindon	9	6	6	12	11	10
Reading	9	6	6	10	10	10
Darlington	9	6	6	10	15	10
Halifax	9	6	6	9	15	9
Stockport	9	6	6	10	15	9
Mansfield	9	6	6	10	15	9
Torquay	9	6	6	10	17	8
Hartlepool	9	6	6	6	14	4
Chester	9	6	6	7	18	4

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIV

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dundee Utd	7	6	0	1	19	6
Aberdeen	7	7	1	1	19	3
Celtic	7	7	1	1	20	3
Hearts	7	7	1	1	11	11
Rangers	7	7	1	1	10	13
Hibernian	7	7	1	1	10	13
Dundee	7	7	1	1	9	16
Mirren	7	7	1	1	4	12
Motherwell	7	7	1	1	4	12
St Johnstone	7	7	1	1	6	24

SCOTTISH DIV ONE

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Partick	9	6	6	14	7	15
Falkirk	9	6	6	15	9	14
Kilmarnock	9	6	6	15	11	14
Dumbarton	9	6	6	14	11	11
Brechin	9	6	6	19	13	10
Morton	9	6	6	14	13	9
Clydebank	9	6	6	17	19	9
Hamilton	9	6	6	16	10	9
Ayr	9	6	6	17	16	8
Airdrie	9	6	6	16	10	7
Meadowbank	9	6	6	16	15	7
Alloa	9	6	6	15	15	7
Clyde	9	6	6	14	14	3

SCOTTISH DIV TWO

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Forfar	9	6	6	1	19	6
Q O' Sth	9	6	6	1	19	6
Berwick	9	6	6	1	17	5
Stirling	9	6	6	1	15	10
Arbroath	9	6	6	1	10	11
Stranraer	9	6	6	1	10	9
Dunfermline	9	6	6	1	13	14
East Fife	9	6	6	1	10	15
Cowdenbeath	9	6	6	1	10	15
Stenhousemuir	9	6	6	1	9	16
Montrose	9	6	6	1	9	16
Queens Park	9	6	6	1	8	18
East Stirling	9	6	6	1	7	20
Albion	9	6	6	1	7	20